# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, WDA-20 REGULAR MEETING October 15, 2015

The Local Workforce Development Board met on October 15, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Ryan's Restaurant, Denham Springs, LA.

Abels called the first meeting of the WIOA - Local Workforce Development Board-20 to order. Roll call was taken by Charlotte Ferrara.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Craft, Nekita Davis, Brian Dowden, Kevin Dreher, Lisa Dugas, Gayle Fisher, Julie Gaudin, Jaye Guice, Anthony Howell, Craig Kaiser, Ronald LeBlanc, Ismary McLemore, Ronnie Rosser, Glenda Shaheen, Skip Smart, Janet Tassin, Terry Taylor and William Wainwright

Abels welcomed and thanked the members for attending the meeting and accepting membership on the Board. She asked members to introduce themselves, stating which organization/parish/business they were representing.

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph Ardoin, Mike Clary, Mike DiVincenti, Mack Hurst and Lisa Jones.

#### VISITORS PRESENT

None.

## **BOARD STAFF**

Gloria Abels, Brenda Cook, Charlotte Ferrara and Varis Barenis

## **PROGRAM STAFF**

A.C. Wilkinson

### MATRIX AND LA WIOA REGIONAL AREAS

Abels reviewed the WDB Matrix and the LA WIOA Regional Areas. She gave an overview of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) with special emphasis placed on WIOA's purpose and vision, priorities, board composition and roles and responsibilities, by-laws, meeting requirements and conflict of interest. There were several discussions between members and Abels ensuring the understanding of what is expected from the members of LWDA-20.

#### 2015/2016 BOARD OFFICERS

Abels stated that with the new board, it was necessary to elect officers for the positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Parlimentarian. The floor was opened for nominations. William Wainwright made a motion to nominate the following: Chairperson-Mack Hurst, Vice-Chairperson-Glenda Shaheen, and Parliamentarian-Skip Smart. With no other nominations from

the floor, motion was seconded by Rosser, to accept the following officers: Chairperson-Mack Hurst, Vice-Chairperson-Glenda Shaheen, and Parliamentarian-Skip Smart. Motion unanimously carried.

Votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Craft, Davis, Dowden, Dreher, Dugas, Fisher, Gaudin, Guice, Howell, Kaiser,

LeBlanc, McLemore, Rosser, Shaheen, Smart, Tassin, Taylor and Wainwright

Nays:

None

Absent:

Ardoin, Clary, DiVincenti, Hurst and Jones

Abstained:

None

Abels stated that these members will hold office until June 30, 2016.

# LWDA-20 BY-LAWS

Abels and members reviewed the LWDA-20 By-Laws for consideration of approval. Area of discussion was concerning meeting dates and times. It was agreed that these would remain as stated in the By-Laws. Motion was made by Shaheen, seconded by LeBlanc to approve the LWDA-20 By-Laws as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Craft, Davis, Dowden, Dreher, Dugas, Fisher, Gaudin, Guice, Howell, Kaiser,

LeBlanc, McLemore, Rosser, Shaheen, Smart, Tassin, Taylor and Wainwright

Nays:

None

Absent:

Ardoin, Clary, DiVincenti, Hurst and Jones

Abstained:

None

#### ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST

Abels presented the Eligible Training Provider list to the Board. Discussion on how the ETP list is compiled and what does it actually mean to be placed on it was in length. Upon review and discussion, motion was made by Smart, seconded by Dugas, to approve the list as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Craft, Davis, Dowden, Dreher, Dugas, Fisher, Gaudin, Guice, Howell, Kaiser,

LeBlanc, McLemore, Rosser, Shaheen, Smart, Tassin, Taylor and Wainwright

Nays:

None

Absent:

Ardoin, Clary, DiVincenti, Hurst and Jones

Abstained:

None

### **BOARD DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Abels reviewed Conflict of Interest forms and had members sign and return two of the copies presented to them for State Certification submittal.

Abels reviewed the Ethics Financial Report and Ethics Training requirements with members, citing due dates for both requirements. Abels presented LWDA-20's Allocations, Quarterly Expenditure/Invoice Reports, Enrollment/Customer Flow and Performance Reports, and travel reimbursement forms.

Shaheen stated, that in the past, employers or board members were invited to give a short presentation to the Board regarding their business or organization. She suggested that she would like to see this continue and welcomed board members to contact Mrs. Abels, if they were interested or if they knew of businesses that would be interested in giving a presentation at future meetings.

Abels thanked each member for their attendance and welcomed again their position to the Board.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Smart, seconded by Dreher, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Craft, Davis, Dowden, Dreher, Dugas, Fisher, Gaudin, Guice, Howell, Kaiser,

LeBlanc, McLemore, Rosser, Shaheen, Smart, Tassin, Taylor and Wainwright

Nays:

None

Absent:

Ardoin, Clary, DiVincenti, Hurst and Jones

Abstained:

None

Mack C. Hurst Mack Hurst,

Chairman

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