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**SEVENTH PLANNING DISTRICT CONSORTIUM
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

MINUTES

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Bossier Parish, Bossier City, Louisiana**

Mr. Charles Maranto, Chairman of the District Seven Workforce Investment Board, called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Fred Thomas to give the invocation. The members present and absent from the meeting for LWIA 70 and LWIA 71 are as follows:

LWIA 70 MEMBERS PRESENT

REPRESENTATION

Mike Cox	Public (Community-Based Organization - Veterans)
Tom Daniel	Public (K-12 and Adult Education)
Lionel B. Fraser, III	Public (Job Corps)
Daniel Hodson	Public (One-Stop Partner, UI, WP, TAA, WIA Title 1, and Veteran's Program)
Ray Huddleston	Private (Financial – Banking)
Charles Maranto	Private (100-500 Employees – Industrial Manufacturing)
Patricia Moore	Private (Woman Owned and Minority Business - Services)
Angela Rymer	Public (Post-Secondary Education)
Amy Shelton	Private (Medical)
Diana Simek	Public (Economic Development and One-Stop Partner)
Clifton Starks	Public (Labor)
Mariah Underwood	Private (Woman Owned and Minority Business - Services)

LWIA 70 MEMBERS ABSENT

REPRESENTATION

Robert Anglin	Private (Financial – Banking)
Fred Baragona	Public (Education and Training)
Julie Bass	Public (Services - Disabled, Adults, and Youth)
Dan Caldwell	Private (Financial – Banking)
Jim Conerly	Private (Public Relations)
Jessie Davis	Private (Services)
Eugene Fremaux II	Private (Financial – Asset Management)
G. Kent Gibson	Private (Financial – Banking)
Lynne Given	Private (500 Plus Employees – Manufacturing)
Sharon Harris	Public (Community-Based Organization - CSBG)

William McDonald
Brent Moreland
Millie Prudhomme

William T. Reynolds
Bruce G. Roberts
Linda Tuten
John "Chuck" Vaughan
John E. Winston

Public (One-Stop Partner and HUD)
Private (Manufacturing Services)
Public (One-Stop Partner, Older Worker, and Community Based Organization)
Public (Labor)
Private (Oil and Gas)
Private (Financial – Banking)
Public (One-Stop Partner, Vocational Rehabilitation)
Private (Medical)

LWIA 71 MEMBERS PRESENT

Tahira Abdul-Rahman
Bridgett Clark
Valerie Erin
Susan Evans
Robin Fawley
Gayle Flowers
Lionel B. Fraser, III
Karen McDonald
Katrina Robinson
Angie Rymer
Diana Simek
Mattie Smith
Mariah Underwood
Angela White

REPRESENTATION

Tahira's Realty
The City of Shreveport, Bureau of Workforce
The City of Shreveport, Business and Housing Unit
Libbey Glass, Inc.
McElroy Metal
Caddo Parish School Board
Shreveport Job Corps Center
Storer Equipment Company, Inc.
State Farm Insurance
NWLTC – Shreveport Campus
The Coordinating and Development Corporation
Caddo Community Action Agency
Mariah's Crib to Teen
North Louisiana Economic Partnership

LWIA 71 MEMBERS ABSENT

Julie Bass
Douglas Beckham
Debbie Fortson-McCall
Patrick Harrison
Frankie Henderson
Johna Hayes
William T. Reynolds
Bruce Roberts
Alynia Roberson
John "Chuck" Vaughan
Havard Yerger

REPRESENTATION

Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana
Teamsters Local 568
Willis Knighton Health System
Sound Fighter Systems
Project AYUDA
AEP SWEPCO
Central Trades and Labor Council AFL-CIO
Roberts and Murphy Incorporated
Christus Schumpert Health Systems
Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
Insurance and Actuarial Consultants, LLC.

LWIA 70 & 71 STAFF PRESENT

Nelda Altimus
Mechelle Broussard
Kathy Brown
Susan Butler
Beverly Ford
Jackie Kelly
Jacques Lasseigne, Jr.
M. D. LeComte

REPRESENTATION

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Ridge Lewis
Bonnie Moore
Shelia Petterway-Gipson
Craig Sheppert
Fred Thomas
Herman Vital

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LWIA 70 & 71 GUEST

Corine Ambler
Lydia Crockett
Margaret Ford
Chris Fournier
Deborah Johnson
Harold J. LaBorde, Jr.
Daysha Pollard

REPRESENTATION

Shreveport Job Corps
Louisiana Workforce Commission
Guest of Mariah Underwood
Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana
Louisiana Rehabilitation Services
Retired, The Coordinating and Development Corporation
Guest of Clifton Starks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Maranto, Chairman of LWIB 70, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Seventh Planning District's Consortium Workforce Investment Board meetings dated July 16, 2014 and September 10, 2014, and Youth Council Meeting Minutes dated July 16, 2014. Next, Ms. Karen McDonald, Chairman of LWIB 71, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of The City of Shreveport's Workforce Investment Board meeting dated September 9, 2014. There being none, both Chairs asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the Eligible Training Providers for LWIA 70 and 71 for Program Year 2015. (See Attached). Both Region 7 Boards unanimously voted to approve the minutes and Eligible Training Providers programs. A quorum was present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF NELDA ALTIMUS'S RETIREMENT

After 34 years of service, Mrs. Nelda Altimus, WIA Sites Coordinator, will officially retire from the Louisiana Workforce Commission, January 5, 2015. Among those that wished her well at this meeting were: Mr. Jacques Lasseigne, Jr., Regional Industry Coordinator, with the Louisiana Workforce Commission; Mr. Herman Vital, Assistant Director of Community Development and WIB Director, with The City of Shreveport; and Mr. Harold LaBorde, Retiree, from The Coordinating and Development Corporation. Ms. Lydia Crockett, Reemployment State Coordinator, with the Louisiana Workforce Commission; read personal notes from coworkers that had worked with Mrs. Altimus. Mr. M. D. LeComte, President and CEO, with The Coordinating and Development Corporation; briefly highlighted her accomplishments by reading a Resolution of Salutation and Appreciation (See Attached), and then presented her with a gift. Mr. Herman Vital asked that all documentation of this WIB meeting be recorded.

ETHICS TRAINING

Mr. Herman Vital, Assistant Director of the Department of Community Development, with the City of Shreveport, reminded the Board to complete their Ethics Training by December 31, 2014. The Ethics Training was available online: [www.http://ethics.la.gov/SeminarRegistration](http://ethics.la.gov/SeminarRegistration). He said failure to comply with the training could result in a serious fine.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Maranto then asked if there were any other business to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Last, Mr. Maranto thanked the members for their participation in the meeting and asked if there was any other business to be presented to the Board. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CERTIFICATION

I, Susan Butler, Secretary to the Seventh Planning District Consortium Workforce Investment Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing are the minutes of the Seventh Planning District Consortium Workforce Investment Board, with a quorum present, for Wednesday, December 10, 2014.



Susan Butler
WIA Secretary