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NOTICE OF MEETING

December 8-9, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Room A-B

REVISED AGENDA

added: New Member Recommendations

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 18, 2009

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

Donahue #03 Require that Mineral Revenue received by the state in excess of the amount allocated to the Rainy Day Fund shall be designated as nonrecurring and subject to the same restrictions on expenditures as other nonrecurring revenue.

Kolb #01 The Department of Health and Hospitals should amend the Elderly and Disability Adult Waiver Program to an individual cap at the cost of the waiver, to be no more than the average cost for an individual in a nursing facility.

Kolb #02 No new or expanded programs should be implemented unless the Commissioner of Administration certifies that the program will result in an immediate cost savings. This moratorium should stay in effect until July 1, 2012.

Kolb #03 The Department of Health and Hospitals should amend the New Opportunities Waiver to provide for an individual cap of \$60,000 per person per year.

Kolb #04 The Department of Health and Hospitals should convert the Long-Term Personal Care Services optional Medicaid program to a waiver program to help stabilize the growth and limit the services to twenty-five hours per week.

Kolb #05 The Department of Health and Hospitals should amend the Elderly and Disability Adult Waiver Program to provide for an individual cap of \$25,000 annually.

- Martin #34** Scale down the Louisiana Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program.
- Martin #35** Revamp the Enterprise Zone Program to implement a new approach that maximizes the state's return on investment.
- Martin #36** Eliminate the workforce grant program in the Department of Economic Development as the Louisiana Fast Start program is operational.
- Martin #37** Reduce the site-specific fund in the Department of Economic Development, which is used to cover project-specific expenses related to business retention and recruitment efforts.
- Martin #38** Reduce the Entertainment Workforce Program in the Department of Economic Development.
- Martin #39** Change the supporting guarantees for Small Business Loan Guarantee Program in the Department of Economic Development.
- Martin #40** Right-size the state highway system to give up 5,000 miles of road maintenance.

V. ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS HELD OVER

Efficiency and Benchmarking

- AGEB #21** To provide, by statute, for a Louisiana spending limit identical to the Oregon spending limit, known as the Oregon kicker law, with the exception that, under the Louisiana spending limit, excess revenues would first be deposited into the Louisiana Budget Stabilization Fund (the Rainy Day Fund) until that fund reaches its cap before any rebates are returned to individual or corporate taxpayers. The spending limit shall be cancelled or overridden in a particular year only by a two-thirds vote of the Louisiana Legislature, which shall be subject to veto by the governor.

Civil Service and Employee Benefits:

- AGCS # 38** Should a reduction in force through voluntary or involuntary separation become necessary, whether applicable only to targeted programs or budget units or implemented across most agencies, the design process of the staff reduction plan should include discussions of a separation package which may take the form of an incentive or severance package. Prudence dictates that the details of such a package should be determined only after designation by the appropriate entity of programs to be reduced or eliminated or positions to be emptied. However, any such separation package should include three basic components: (1) a lump-sum payment, (2) provision for health insurance, and (3) provision for education or training. If the package is offered as an incentive for voluntary separation, any employee taking the incentive should be prohibited from employment with the state or from entering into a contract to provide services on behalf of the state for a period of thirty-six months.

If the person is reemployed or enters a contract within the prohibition period, the person should reimburse the state the proportionate value of the incentive package. Any separation, whether voluntary or involuntary, to which a separation package applies should trigger the abolition of the position from which each employee is separated; however, if the position is critical to the mission of the agency, the agency should be permitted to abolish another position or combination of positions that represent the elimination of the same amount of salary and benefit costs from the agency's budget.

VI. RECEIVE MEMBER (*New*) RECOMMENDATIONS

- Martin #41** Require local school districts to issue an RFP to evaluate potential savings from outsourcing custodial, transportation, and alternative education services.
- Martin #42** Convert all state advertising notices to electronic notification where feasible.
- Erwin #08** Governor's Office on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness work with Louisiana's congressional delegation to identify and utilize federal funding for establishing additional shelter-capacity in-state for Louisiana residents who cannot self-evacuate and shelter during emergency periods.
- Erwin #09** Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Public Safety outsource information technology applications and services where appropriate to improve operating efficiencies and realize savings.
- Erwin #10** Department of Social Services eliminate the Child Care Job Search Program since anticipated outcomes are not being achieved.
- Erwin #11** Department of Social Services eliminate the Earned Income Tax Credit technical support program since it is not within the core competency of DSS.
- Erwin #12** Department of Social Services take appropriate measures to modernize technology and processes to address fraud and abuse in the Child Care Assistance Program.
- Kennedy #02** To provide that all recommendations of the Streamlining Commission be accompanied by a legislative fiscal note to quantify the savings.
- Kennedy #03** To require that the FAIR and COASTAL Plans be administered pursuant to the laws governing the plans that were in effect before the adoption of Act 1133 of the 2003 regular legislative session creating the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, and that Citizens cease all operations. Because Citizens has bonded and other indebtedness as well as assets, Citizens would continue to exist only to serve its outstanding policies through the next renewal dates and to buy and collect emergency assets as well as any other revenue until all the bonded and other indebtedness of Citizens is paid in full, at which time Citizens would transfer all remaining assets to the state, be terminated and cease to exist.

Kennedy #04 To require that the retirement plan benefit structure for the four state retirement systems be changed to a defined contribution plan for all new employees hired after July 1, 2010.

Kennedy #05 To require that, if Louisiana state government accepts money from the federal government that is nonrecurring to deal with the current budgetary shortfall, the money can only be spent on nonrecurring expenses.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

THIS NOTICE CONTAINS A TENTATIVE AGENDA AND MAY BE REVISED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Senator Jack Donahue, *Commission Chairman*