



**SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Thursday, August 12, 2021, 8:15am  
**LOCATION:** CareerSource South Florida Headquarters  
 7300 Corporate Center Drive, Conference Room 2  
 Miami, FL 33126

Executive Committee Members	SFWIB Staff	Audience
Perez, Andy, Chair Gibson, Charles, Vice- Chair del Valle, Juan Carlos Ferradaz, Gilda  <b>Members Absent:</b>  Garza, Maria	Beasley, Rick Almonte, Ivan Morgan, Ebony	Rodanes, Carlos New Horizons of South Florida Gibson guests (2)

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

SFWIB Chair, Andy Perez called the meeting to order at 8:16am, asked all those present to introduce themselves and noted that quorum had been achieved.

**2a. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2021**

Mr. Charles Gibson moved the approval of meeting minutes for June 10, 2021. Motion seconded by Ms. Gilda Ferradaz; Motion Passed Unanimously

[Action items were discussed first as an Executive Committee member would need to leave early.]

**5. Recommendation as to Approval of Amendments to the By-Laws of the SFWIB**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and Mr. Beasley further presented.



He furthermore provided an overview of recommended changes to the proposed amended By-Laws, which includes revisions to the following areas:

- Requirements for composition of the Board
- Member Management (vacancies, nominations, attendance, reappointment and removal)
- Duties and Responsibilities of the Board
- Communications via media technology
- Committees, Councils, and Meetings

Mr. Beasley advised proposed changes are outlined by article for ease of viewing. Comments from legal and Ms. Kaverhersi are included for Board review.

Furthermore, Mr. Beasley elaborated about the proposed changes to the appointment, recommendation, and application process for new members of the Board.

There was continued discussion.

Chairman Perez asked for a status on Monroe County. Mr. Beasley provided an update on the outcome of previous decisions around its separation from Miami-Dade County. Mr. Smith provided an update on the College of the Florida Keys; contract is currently under review with their legal team.

There was continued discussion.

Ms. Ferradez asked for clarification around changes to the attendance requirements (page 6; section 4e).

Mr. Smith clarified that the Board meets six (6) times per year. Members are required to physically attend meetings four (4) times; the remaining two (2) can be virtual. If meetings are scheduled to occur solely via telecommunications and there is no “in-person” option, the session will not count against the allotted two (2) times members are permitted to attend remotely.

Revision needed to bring about further clarity around attendance requirements.

**[Item tabled until next meeting.]**

## **6. Recommendation as to Approval of Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion Initiatives**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and Mr. Beasley further presented.



Legal names should be changed to reflect the South Florida Progress Foundation, Inc. and The Beacon Council Economic Development Foundation; as such, we recommend that the board rescind the allocation of funds approved by the SFWIB on June 17, 2021 and reallocate those funds to the aforementioned entities.

Ms. Ferradaz clarified that the award approved on June 17, 2021 will be rescinded and re-allocated to the entities under their correct legal names.

Mr. Beasley advised that the funds would be rescinded and re-issued accordingly.

Mr. Charles Gibson moved the approval of Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion Initiatives. Motion seconded by Ms. Gilda Ferradaz; **Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **7. Recommendation as to Approval of the BEAN Automotive Apprenticeship Program**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and Mr. Beasley further presented.

Program was created in partnership with Miami-Dade College and Bean Automotive. The apprenticeship program will reimburse employers up to \$4,000.00 for fifteen (15) candidates. The program is 1-2 years and candidates will graduate with ASE Certification and be certification in both Toyota and Lexus.

There was further discussion.

Mr. Beasley further elaborated on pending apprenticeship programs with Warren Bean, ASIU, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and more.

Mr. Charles Gibson moved the approval of the BEAN Automotive Apprenticeship Program. Motion seconded by Mr. del Valle; **Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **8. Recommendation as to Approval of WIOA Opportunity Zone OJT Waiver Request**

Chairman Perez introduced the item and Mr. Beasley further presented.

Mr. Beasley advised that the State of Florida have 415 Opportunity Zones, 68 are located in our region. The waiver afford us the opportunity to reimburse up to 100% of the training cost for an employer located in an opportunity zone. Because of the Opportunity Zone designation, and the challenge that COVID-19 has presented, this is a way for us to assist workers in getting back to work and providing employers with a reimbursement of costs associated with training staff.



If the waiver is approved by the U.S. Department of Labor, Workforce Boards across the nation can use it in their respective areas.

Mr. Perez asked if the waiver was for all opportunity Zones. Mr. Beasley affirmed.

Mr. del Valle asked if the business had to conduct the trainings within the opportunity zone or does the business have to be located in the Opportunity Zone.

Mr. Beasley provided clarification; the business must be located in the Opportunity Zone.

Mr. Beasley further shared that the overall goal would be to add language to the upcoming appropriation bill that will allow the Secretary of Labor to waive eligibility in designated opportunity zones nationwide. This change, will allow us to assist individuals faster and assist in kick starting our recovery.

There was further discussion.

Mr. Charles Gibson moved the approval of the WIOA Opportunity Zone OJT Waiver Request. Motion seconded by Mr. del Valle; Motion Passed Unanimously

### **3. Information – REACH Act - House Bill 1507 Update**

[Mr. Gibson left the meeting]

Mr. Beasley shared the Ms. Kaverhersi created the REACH Act Checklist to ensure we are in alignment with the required changes the law presents.

Mr. Smith provided an update on an upcoming apprenticeship program for Early Learning Practitioners.

### **4. Information – WIOA Layoff Aversion Fund Initiative Update**

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 9:01am.