



SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 11, 2023

LOCATION: CareerSource South Florida
7300 Corporate Center Drive, Conference Room 2
Miami, FL 33126
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gKA-m86nSZSxCXUhvjFhIg

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-chair Mr. del Valle called to order the regular meeting of the SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting at 8:21AM on May 11, 2023.
2. **ROLL CALL:** 7 members; 4 required; 7 present: Quorum established.

| SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT | SFWIB MEMBERS ABSENT | SFWIB STAFF |
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| Canales, Dequasia (Zoom) del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice-Chairman Chi, Joe (Zoom) Ferradaz, Gilda (Zoom) Gibson, Charles, Chair Loynaz, Oscar, M.D. (Zoom) Roth, Thomas "Tom" (Zoom) | None | Beasley, Rick Bennett, Renee Morgan, Ebony Smith, Robert ADMINISTRATION/IT Anderson, Francis |
| OTHER ATTENDEES | | |
| Cooper, Jamie, TechLaunch | | |

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

2A. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023

Chairman Gibson presented agenda item 2A. April 13, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes for approval.

No questions or comments were presented for consideration.

Motion by Mr. Chi to approve the SFWIB Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 13, 2023.

Ms. Ferradaz seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Minutes Prepared by: Ebony Morgan
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[Chairman Gibson arrived]

3. Information – Florida House Bill (HB) 5 – Economic Programs

Vice-Chairman del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley further presented.

Mr. Beasley wished to provide additional information regarding Florida House Bill 5, which eliminates Enterprise Florida and transfers all current responsibilities to DEO, which will be renamed the Department of Commerce. It is important to note that most states have an Economic Development Office – the State merely shifting those resources to the Department of Commerce. Mr. Beasley discussed additional developments, such as the appointment of a Secretary of Commerce who will report to the Governor (or his appointee) on business recruitment/expansion and economic development. The measure also renames the Division of Strategic Business Development to the Division of Economic Development. These modifications eliminate the Film Advisory Council, thus removing the tax incentives and other benefits that were intended to recruit the film industry to the state of Florida. There are some adjustments to workforce development, including the reporting structure and accountability measures, but none will have substantial impact.

Vice-chairman del Valle inquired about the Beacon Council and its potential impact on their capacity to recruit new staff. Mr. Beasley reported that he had recently attended the Beacon Council's Executive Committee meeting, where the organization's new CEO, Roderick Miller, presented his vision for the future of the organization. The Beacon Council will always consider recruiting companies to Miami-Dade County; however, he is also committed to retaining and investing in our existing businesses. Mr. Beasley reported that at an Academic Leadership Luncheon, honoring Mr. Miller, the topic of how local research institutions can better commercialize their research and/or patents was discussed. In addition, there were talks about Vanderbilt and other tier-1 research institutions relocating to Miami.

Immigration reform is the subject of S.B. 1718. It prohibits Counties and Municipalities from providing funds to any person, entity, or organization for the purpose of issuing identification documents to a person who cannot provide confirmation of lawful presence in the United States.

Mr. Beasley questioned Ms. Ferradaz about the impact of the new legislation on the Refugee program. Ms. Ferradaz stated that she is unsure, but she will investigate the matter further. Mr. Beasley moved on to discuss additional features of the bill, which include:

Licenses/Driving Privileges: Drivers licenses issued by another state exclusively to an undocumented immigrant who cannot prove lawful presence in the United States at the time

the license is issued is invalid in the State of Florida and do not authorize the holder to operate a motor vehicle in Florida.

Medical Care: Hospitals that receive Medicaid are required to request proof of citizenship; the response will not affect patient care or result in immigration status being reported to authorities. Quarterly and annual reports must be completed by the hospital that reflects the number of hospital admissions or ER visits from the previous quarter/year by individuals unable to provide confirmation of citizenship.

Employers: Employers with more than 25 workers are required to use e-Verify to confirm employment eligibility. To assure compliance, the Department of Commerce will be authorized to conduct random audits of these same employers. Employing a person without proof of citizenship via the employment eligibility process will result in escalating penalties, including the suspension of all applicable licenses for a period.

This legislation will have a negative economic impact on the tourism (hospitality, hotels, and restaurants), agriculture, and construction sectors in Florida.

Mr. Beasley shared that the manner in which we cultivate talent in Miami-Dade County may need to change as a consequence of this legislation. Future labor shortages must be addressed through Career and Technical Education.

No further comments or suggestions were submitted from the members. Item closed.

4. Information – Program Year 2023-24 Program Allotments

Mr. Beasley introduced the item and further presented.

The Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) for WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs for PY 2023-24 was published on April 21. On the Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker side, Florida is anticipated to lose approximately 11 million dollars in funding.

There was further discussion around Federal allocations to each of the states.

Mr. Beasley reminded the Committee that allocations are contingent on substantial unemployed levels. The current unemployment rate is 1.2%. Based on what has been disclosed, Mr. Beasley requested that Finance budget in an 8% reduction in funding. We are examining what we can do internally to compensate for the decrease. May look to work with Jobs for the Future to implement a center-focused approach.

On June 6, 2023, CareerSource Florida Board will approve the allocations.

No further questions or comments were presented for consideration. Item closed.

5. Approval – City of Homestead Summer Youth Employment Program

Mr. Beasley introduced the item and further presented requesting approval to accept \$50,000 in general revenue funds from the City of Homestead for a Summer Youth Employment Program for approximately 38 youth; (2) allocate matching funds of \$50,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds; and (3) allocate funds to Youth Co-Op, Inc. for the administration of the program.

In accordance with guidance received from DOL following their review, Mr. Smith stated, for the record, that the contract period would extend beyond the August 11, 2023 program date. The duration of the contract is extended so that recruitment and other administrative duties at the conclusion of the program can be concluded as required.

Ms. Bennett clarified that close out period is 30 days after the conclusion of the program.

Chairman Gibson suggested modifying the language to read, “pursuant to the contract period which includes, but is not limited to, recruiting and closeout” as opposed to providing dates that are subject to change.

Motion by Mr. Roth to approve the City of Homestead Summer Youth Employment Program pursuant to the contract period, which includes, but is not limited to, recruiting and closeout. Ms. Canales seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented for consideration. Item closed.

6. Approval – Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Scholarship Awards

Mr. Beasley introduced the item and further presented requesting approval to allocate seven (7) two year Florida Prepaid College Plans, not to exceed \$50,000 in cost to the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB).

The GMCVB launched BHI to increase the number of individuals entering the hospitality industry. Mr. Whitaker, president and chief executive officer of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, inquired about the possibility of receiving scholarships in support of the program. Mr. Beasley indicated that it is possible; however, he requested that hotels in the area contribute to the fund. Thirteen hotels provided up to \$38,000 in additional funding for scholarships. CSSF staff requests that seven (7) of the twenty-two (22) scholarships designated for Monroe be reallocated to the GMCVB.

Mr. Chi questioned whether he should abstain from voting as a member of the GMCVB's Board. Mr. Beasley clarified that since the GMCVB is receiving no funds, there is no need to recuse yourself from the vote.

Mr. Roth noted a “scribblers error” in second paragraph, hospitality is misspelled.

Motion by Vice-Chairman del Valle to approve the allocation of seven (7) two-year Florida Prepaid College Plan scholarships to the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMCVB).

Ms. Ferradaz seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented for consideration. Item closed.

7. Approval – Summer Youth Internship Program for Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau

Chairman Gibson introduced that item; Mr. Beasley further presented.

CSSF staff requests approval to allocate an amount not to exceed \$41,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to Adults Mankind Organization, Inc. (AMO) for the administration of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau's Hospitality Initiative Summer Youth Internship Program. The thirteen hotels that contributed to the scholarship fund have also consented to offer internships to the scholarship recipients. Mr. Beasley also disclosed that approximately seven additional hotels inquired about intern opportunities following the annual meeting. Mr. Beasley countered this request with a scholarship fund proposal. Mr. Whitaker will confer with them; ideally, we will receive an update this afternoon.

The program's objective is to place approximately 15 students in the hotel industry, specifically at hotels that contributed to the scholarship program and consented to host interns.

Motion by Mr. Roth to approve the allocation of TANF funds to AMO for administration of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau's Hospitality Summer Youth Internship Program.

Ms. Canales seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Ms. Canales advised that the program/contract dates, as listed, may be subject to change. As such, we should amend the motion to include the previously agreed upon contract language.

Mr. Roth agreed to the amendment, as did Ms. Canales as the member that seconded the motion.

No further questions or comments were presented for consideration. Item closed.

With no further business presented to the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.