



SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 12, 2024

LOCATION: ZOOM ONLY

ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ISSH7LAzTdywsrtfD2Q3IA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairman del Valle called to order the regular meeting of the SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting at 8:38AM on December 12, 2024.
2. **ROLL CALL:** 6 members; 4 required; 5 present: Quorum established.

SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	SFWIB MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED	SFWIB STAFF
All members attended via Zoom del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice-Chairman Chi, Joe Ferradaz, Gilda Gibson, Charles, Chair	Canales, Dequasia (Excused) Loynaz, Oscar, M.D. (Excused)	Beasley, Rick Bennett, Renee Morgan, Ebony Smith, Robert ADMINISTRATION/IT Gonzalez, Yoandy McFarland, Cassie
OTHER ATTENDEES		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Beasley briefly talked about the board leadership positions for the 2025-2027 SFWIB term. He expressed his desire to have a more in-depth conversation with the Chairman about continuing in his role as Chair, as well as discussing other SFWIB members who may be suitable for leadership roles within the remaining Councils. After this discussion, an action item will be prepared for presentation to the Executive Committee and subsequently to the full board for review and approval.

2A. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2024

Chairman Gibson presented agenda item 2A. November 14, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting minutes for review in advance of approval.

Motion for approval of the November 14, 2024 SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes by Ms. Ferradaz; Vice Chair del Valle seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

3. Information – WIOA Reauthorization Update

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley updated the Committee about the 2024 reauthorization bill for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is actively being reviewed by both the House and Senate to secure an approval prior to the inauguration of the new Congress. He highlighted the following areas of concern with the bipartisan legislation:

- Mandates that 50% of the funding for adult and dislocated workers be allocated for upskilling through individual training accounts (ITAs). Currently, in Florida, it is possible to submit a waiver request that reduces the amount allocated for training. However, the reauthorization measure does not specify that workforce boards can request a waiver in the future. According to Mr. Beasley, removing the option for waiver requests could lead to a decrease in the number of Career Centers available to serve the community, as well as a reduction in the number of staff working in the field.
- The proposed 10% cap on support services poses a serious risk of limiting workforce boards' ability to provide assistance to students and workers, which includes childcare, transportation, emergency rent program, and other essential needs. The 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) currently imposes no such restrictions. Mr. Beasley further advised that the proposed legislation does not bar workforce boards from seeking a waiver from the state to secure additional funding for support services, despite the cap. Multiple Workforce Board Associations are actively working with members of Congress to push for the option to grant states this necessary flexibility.

A few members of Congress have raised concerns that may obstruct the passage of the bill. If it fails to pass now, workforce boards may have an opportunity to negotiate the previously discussed changes in the upcoming congressional session.

There was further discussion around the proposed support services cap.

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

4. Information – Presidential Appointments, U.S. Department of Labor and Education

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley announced the cabinet appointments for U.S. Secretary of Labor and U.S. Secretary of Education chosen by President-elect Donald Trump. He also discussed the potential impacts these appointments could have on workforce development boards, apprenticeship programs, the labor market and education, in particular the expanded use of the Pell grant for short term training programs.

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

5. Information – Pell Grant Reauthorization

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley provided additional information about the Bipartisan Workforce Pell Grant Act, which allows Pell Grants to be utilized for short-term training programs, rather than being restricted to only four-year programs.

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

New Business

Mr. Beasley presented an overview of key activities that CSSF staff has successfully led or partnered on with other agencies. These initiatives include:

- 2nd Chance Job Fair
- Miami-Dade County Mayors Job Fair – Over 300 individuals participated.
- Miami Dade College Culinary Program in partnership with the Agape Center

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

With no further business presented to the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 am.