



## SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** February 13, 2025

**LOCATION:** ONLINE ONLY

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice-Chairman del Valle called to order the regular meeting of the SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting at 8:23AM on February 13, 2025.

**ROLL CALL:** 6 members; 4 required; 5 present: **Quorum established.**

SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT <i>(All members attended via Zoom)</i>	SFWIB MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED	SFWIB STAFF
Canales, Dequasia del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice-Chairman Ferradaz, Gilda Gibson, Charles, Chair Loynaz, Oscar, M.D.	Chi, Joe	Beasley, Rick Morgan, Ebony Perrin, Yian Smith, Robert  <b>ADMINISTRATION/IT</b>
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES</b>		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

### 2. Public Comment

*Public comments should be two minutes or less.*

Chairman Gibson opened the floor for comments from the public. No requests to speak were received by the Executive Office. None presented. Item closed.

### 3. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2025

Chairman Gibson presented agenda item 2A. January 9, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting minutes for review in advance of approval.

Minutes Prepared by: Ebony Morgan  
SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting  
February 13, 2025, 8:15am

**Status:** **APPROVED**

**Approval date:** 03/13/2025

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Ms. Ferradaz asked for a change in the language on page two of the document – from “demanded” to “requested”.

**Motion** for approval of the amended January 9, 2025 SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes by Ms. Canales; Vice Chairman del Valle seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

#### **4. Information – Presidential Order to Stop Grant Payments**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley reviewed the memorandum issued by the Office of Management and Budget on January 27, 2025. The memo requires all federally funded agencies to identify and assess their programs, projects, and activities to ensure alignment with the President's recent Executive Orders and policy positions. Furthermore, it directs all agencies to immediately pause any activities related to the obligation or disbursement of federal financial funding, effective January 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Beasley informed us that the agency has analyzed its current program offerings and resources, and he provided an overview of the potential impacts of the memorandum on the agency. He noted that the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program is a concern; however, the other programs are expected to have minimal impact because the board is not classified as an entitlement program. Furthermore, he advised that CSSF staff is actively pursuing additional grants and resources beyond government funding to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of workforce services.

As the discussion ended, Mr. Beasley suggested that the Executive Committee consider the possibility of establishing a staffing agency to generate additional non-federal and unrestricted resources.

Chairman Del Valle inquired whether specific financial goals have been set to ensure that the board generates enough revenue to compensate for programs that might be impacted by potential reductions in federal funding. Mr. Beasley clarified that we should maintain at least six months' worth of revenue on hand to meet our obligations and continue delivering employment training services to the community.

Mr. Beasley shared that he is proactively working on the development of a strategy to ensure the continuation of services in the event of another federal funding freeze. It is essential that we continue to establish strategic partnerships that will maximize resources and minimize financial obligations for CSSF. Additionally, discussions are underway about the possibility of creating a Workforce Development Fund at the state level, funded by unemployment taxes.

This fund will empower workforce boards throughout the state to access resources that will counteract any future funding freezes. Importantly, these funds will be unrestricted and non-federal, providing us with the flexibility we need to continue offering employment training.

Chairman Gibson inquired about the state's stance on the proposed changes. Mr. Beasley clarified that communication with the Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) has been minimal. However, there have been discussions among colleagues since many have received materials from the Florida Workforce Development Association (FWDA), which collaborates closely with lobbyists in Washington.

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

## **5. Information – OJT Waiver Request**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley reviewed the proposed WIOA On-the-Job Training (OJT) waiver request to enhance work-based learning opportunities in opportunity zones (67 in the area). The waiver will enable greater flexibility in addressing the workforce and business in Miami-Dade County by allowing 100% reimbursement of the labor costs subsidized for up to six months.

The item will go before the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council next week for review.

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

## **6. Information – Florida Legislative Update**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a Florida Legislative updates including:

- Legislative Developments and Budget Considerations
- Workforce Legislation and Implementation – HB 1267
- State Budget and Revenue Outlook
- Revenue Projections and Fiscal Challenges
- Key State Budget Considerations

Mr. Beasley further mentioned that House Speaker Perez, plans to limit special projects; state's general revenue collections remain approximately 1% above estimates through November 2024 and there is a projected 1.1 to 1.6 billion dollar in new general revenue for the next budgetary consideration.

He also discussed the potential for a budget cut in the upcoming program year. In preparation, CSSF is considering closing more career centers and enhancing services through partnerships with the mayor's office and community action agencies.

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

## **7. Information – Improper Extension Update**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley further presented an update an issue involving a staff member at one of the Career Centers who improperly extended the active participation of over 700 Wagner-Peyser clients.

Since the Executive Committee meeting in January, CSSF has met with the upper management of the respective agency to stress the seriousness of the situation and recommend necessary changes to prevent a recurrence. The staff member involved, along with their supervisor, has been removed from their positions. CSSF is also developing a new report to monitor service codes, which will help ensure that a similar incident does not occur again.

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

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

*The next SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 8:15am.*