



SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: August 14, 2025

LOCATION: CareerSource South Florida Headquarters
7300 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 500
Conference Room 2
Miami, FL 33126

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice Chairman del Valle called to order the regular meeting of the SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting at 8:21AM on July 10, 2025.

ROLL CALL: 8 members; 5 required; 7 present: **Quorum established.**

SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (VIA ZOOM)	SFWIB MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED	SFWIB STAFF
Canales, Dequasia Chi, Joe del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice-Chairman Ferradaz, Gilda Mantilla, Rene	Gibson, Charles, Chair Loynaz, M.D., Oscar Scott, Jr., Kenneth	Beasley, Rick Bennett, Renee Morgan, Ebony Perrin, Yian (Zoom) Smith, Robert ADMINISTRATION/IT
OTHER ATTENDEES		

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 – July 10, 2025

Vice Chairman del Valle presented the July 10, 2025 SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes for review in advance of approval.

Motion for approval of the July 10, 2025 SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes by Mr. Rene' Mantilla; Mr. Joe Chi seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

4. Information – Opportunity Zones Residency- Based Eligibility Amendment

Vice Chairman del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley advised that the current statutory language under WIOA Section 189(i)(4)(A) prevents the U.S. Secretary of Labor from waiving income eligibility requirements for WIOA Title I Youth (Section 129) and Adult (Section 134) programs.

He also informed the Committee that language has been submitted to Congressman Randy Fine and Senator Scott's office to include an amendment in the Labor, Health, and HHS Budget, rather than waiting for WIOA reauthorization. This strategy originated from a discussion with Secretary Scalia but was initially conceived by Secretary Acosta during Trump's first administration.

The proposal aims to assist approximately 1.3 million individuals nationwide by allowing them to access training and credentialing programs without the usual income verification hurdles. This change would particularly benefit working adults who are looking to upskill or reskill in rapidly changing job markets.

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

5. Information – CareerSource Florida Economic Incentive Policy

Vice Chairman del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a policy proposal that will be submitted to the Florida Department of Commerce. This proposal aims to guide local workforce boards in allocating workforce funds for economic development, particularly in opportunity zones. It also relates to the waiver for on-the-job training (OJT) initiatives, which can be used to encourage companies to relocate by offering OJT and other training programs. The goal is to create more jobs and help local workforce boards become more efficient and meet second and fourth quarter performance metrics.

Mr. Beasley reviewed the allowable incentive training models, suggested Local Operating Procedures (LOPs), employer commitments, funding/reimbursement, and monitoring and compliance.

Members of the Executive Committee that were present expressed their support for the policy. As a result, Mr. Beasley formally requested authorization to submit the proposed economic policy to the state for thorough review and consideration.

Motion to approve the CSSF's submission of the proposed economic policy to the Florida Department of Commerce for review and consideration. Additionally, **this motion authorizes** collaboration with Congressman Randy Fine and Senator Rick Scott to propose including language that supports waiving income eligibility requirements in identified Opportunity Zones for WIOA Title I Youth (Section 129) and Adult (Section 134) programs as an amendment to the Labor, Health, and HHS Budget put forth by Mr. Mantilla; Ms. Canales seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

6. Information – U.S. Department of Education and Labor Workforce Development

Vice Chairman del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley introduced a new partnership between the US Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor to streamline and integrate the administration of key federal education and workforce programs.

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

7. Approval – Modification of The City of Miami Gardens Summer Youth Program

Vice Chairman del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley advised that the SFWIB approved \$100,00 in funding for the City of Miami Gardens, with a \$100,000 TANF match, to support summer employment opportunities for 75 youth. The City of Miami Gardens has since increased their commitment by \$50,000 and are requesting a matching increase from the board to expand the program to be applied retroactively. Increased funding supports up to 112 youth ages 15-18.

Motion to approve the acceptance of an additional \$50,000 in general funds from the City of Miami Gardens, the allocation of additional matching funds of up to \$50,000 in TANF funds, and the allocation of combined funds to Adult Mankind Organization (AMO) to administer the program and manage recruitment, payroll, job placement, and training by Mr. Joe Chi; Mr. Rene' Mantilla seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

8. Approval – Modification to the Mayor's Office 2025 Internship Program

Vice Chairman del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley reviewed the item which requests an additional \$2,000 for the Mayor's Office 2025 Summer Internship Program.

Motion to approve an additional \$2,000 in WIOA Adult funds for the Mayor's Office 2025 Internship program by Mr. Joe Chi; Ms. Dequasia Canales seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

New Business

Upcoming South Florida Workforce Investment Board Meeting

Mr. Beasley advised that the August 21st Council and full board meetings will take place via Zoom this month.

With no further business presented to the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.



The next SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 8:15am.