



SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: April 9, 2026

LOCATION: Zoom Only

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1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS Chairman Gibson called to order the regular meeting of the SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting at 8:18AM on April 9, 2026.

ROLL CALL: 7 members; 4 required; 6 present: **Quorum established.**

SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT <i>(VIA ZOOM)</i>	SFWIB MEMBERS EXCUSED	SFWIB STAFF
Canales, Dequasia Chi, Joe del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice-Chairman Ferradaz, Gilda Gibson, Charles, Chair Mantilla, Rene Scott, Jr., Kenneth “Kenny”	SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	Beasley, Rick Bennett, Renee Morgan, Ebony Perrin, Yian 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 – March 12, 2026

Chairman Gibson presented SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes for review in advance of approval.

Motion for approval of March 12, 2026, SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes by Mr. del Valle; Mr. Chi seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

4. Informational – Florida Legislative Update: House Bill 221 Minimum Wage

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley provided a brief overview of the discussion topic and then turned it over to Mr. Smith for further elaboration. Mr. Smith provided an update on House Bill 221, which addresses the minimum wage and is currently stalled in committee. The CSSF team will monitor any developments regarding the bill.

No further comments or suggestions were submitted. Item closed.

5. Informational – Florida Legislative Update: Senate Bill 528 Manufacturing

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley provided a brief overview of the discussion topic and then turned it over to Mr. Smith for further elaboration. Mr. Smith provided an update on Senate Bill 528, which would have established the new Chief Manufacturing Officer position within the Florida Department of Commerce. The bill has died in the Appropriations Committee in March and is unlikely to be revived.

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

6. Informational - Florida Legislative Update: Senate Bill 1300 Education and Workforce

Chairman Gibson introduced the item, and Mr. Beasley provided a brief overview of the discussion topic before turning it over to Mr. Smith for further elaboration. Mr. Smith informed the committee that Senate Bill 1300 focuses on education and workforce development opportunities for current and former inmates, specifically regarding CDL training for Class A and Class B Commercial Driver's Licenses. The bill includes a reimbursement program for employers hiring former inmates with CDLs, offering up to



\$5,000 per employee with a cap of \$20,000 per employer as an incentive to hire individuals with past convictions.

Mr. Beasley noted that a State Transportation Trust Fund for CDL and transportation training programs has been established. Colleges, school districts, and private education providers will be eligible for up to \$5 million annually from fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2029-2030.

The bill has passed both the Senate and the House with unanimous support and is currently awaiting the governor's signature, which is expected to take effect on July 1, 2026.

Further discussions took place regarding the allocation of funding to colleges, school districts, and education providers, as well as to those eligible to participate in the program.

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

7. Informational – REACH Act First Quarter Performance Update & Second Quarter Indicators of Performance PY 2025-2026

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the first quarter REACH Act Letter Grade performance results for the REACH Act, highlighting that CareerSource achieved a score of 97.34, earning an A+ grade and ranking as the top workforce board in Florida. He noted that while performance remains strong compared to previous baselines, there are areas of concern including declining trends in adult credential attainment, dislocated worker median wage, and youth measurable skills gain.

Mr. Beasley further outlined plans for program design changes to address the trends noted in the LWDB 23 Workforce Program Performance Analysis Report and improve performance in the coming year.

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

8. Approval – The Mayor’s Internship Program

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a request to the Mayor’s Office 2026 Summer Internship Program provides college and graduate students with meaningful exposure to public service and professional career pathways within the County government.



Motion for approval to fund the Mayor’s 2026 Internship Program; Mr. Scott seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

9. Approval – Formal Inquiry to the U.S. Department of Labor - ETA

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley further presented the request to submit a formal inquiry to the U.S. Department of Labor - ETA requesting clarification on whether the Secretary of Labor has regulatory or interpretive authority to extend the high poverty area (HPA) presumption to WIOA Adult eligibility without requiring a statutory waiver. Additionally, the waiver will request guidance on whether (HPA) data can be used as evidence for adult eligibility determinations under WIOA programs. He further explained that the current requirement for individual income documentation creates administrative burdens and disproportionately affects high-poverty communities. The inquiry aims to reduce enrollment delays and aligns with federal priorities outlined in Executive Order 14278 and TEGl 05 25.

Mr. Chi inquired about address verification requirements. Mr. Beasley clarified that address verification is required for all programs.

Motion by Mr. Mantilla for approval the submission of a formal inquiry to the U.S. Department of Labor - ETA; Mr. del Valle seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

10. Approval – CSSF’s Public Comments on the WIOA Combined Plan, Two Year Modification

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley further presented a request to submit CSSF’s public comments on the CareerSource Florida WIOA Combined Plan Two-Year Modification on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Beasley reviewed the key findings from CSSF’s analysis, which identified critical gaps in statewide measurement architecture, youth performance, apprenticeship accountability, credential of value reporting, and system integration. Specifically, the analysis noted that split accountability systems between REACH and WIOA prevent a unified statewide performance picture; there is no statewide apprenticeship performance metric despite a 50,000 apprentice goal by 2030; credential attainment is not linked to credential quality through Master Credential List alignment; youth performance is showing declining

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enrollment and credential outcomes below negotiated levels; and business service metrics emphasize penetration rather than hiring quality or training return on investment.

Motion by Mr. Scott for approval to release CSSF's comments on the WIOA Combined Plan, Two-Year Modification; Mr. Mantilla seconded; **motion is passed without dissent**

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

11. Approval - Local Workforce Board Compliance and Regulatory Documentation

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley further presented the request to approve the transmission of the Local Workforce Development Board Compliance and Regulatory Submissions of required documentation for board recertification.

Four regulatory elements are subject to the upcoming review cycle:

- Subsequent Local Area Designation
- Board Composition and Certification
- One-Stop Certification
- Direct Service Provider Designation

Current approvals are set to expire on June 30, 2026, for all LWDBs, and timely renewal is required to maintain uninterrupted service delivery. SFWIB has been granted a formal extension to ensure adequate time to obtain the proper signatures.

Staff have completed the required documentation packages; upon Committee approval, staff will transmit the documentation to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava for review and signature, after which the executed documents will be submitted to FloridaCommerce.

Motion by Mr. del Valle for approval to submit the Subsequent Local Area Designation and the One-Stop Certification forms to Mayor Levine Cava for review and signature. Mr. Scott seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

12. Approval – New SFWIB Members

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley further presented a request for the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board approval of two new members of the SFWIB to be recommended to the Chief Elected Official, Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, for appointment.

Staff recommended Mr. Fermin Vazquez of Miami Dade College for the Education membership category, replacing Dr. Oscar Loynaz, and Mr. Pablo J. Pino of T.D. Bank for the Economic membership category. Mr. Beasley noted that the addition of Mr. Pino ensures continued compliance with the WIOA requirement that a majority of local board members represent businesses in the local area.

Motion by Mr. Chi for approval of the recommendation of Mr. Fermin Vazquez and Mr. Pablo J. Pino as new SFWIB members, to be submitted to Mayor Daniella Levine Cava for appointment. Mr. del Valle seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

Other Business & Announcements

Mr. Beasley announced an upcoming Opportunity Zone 2 Workshop hosted at the Beacon Council, where participants will discuss expanding Opportunity Zones in Miami-Dade County, particularly in rural South Dade. Mr. Mantilla expressed strong support for the initiative, noting that the timing aligns well with continued growth in the Homestead area and the potential to create high-wage jobs.

Mr. Mantilla extended an invite to all members for the following upcoming events:

- National Apprenticeship Week M-DCPS 2026 Apprenticeship Impact Event scheduled for April 28, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Robert Morgan Educational Center. The event will focus on the impact of apprenticeships on families. Mr. Beasley requested a copy of the event flyer for distribution to board members.
- The 2026 Eagles Soar Aviation and Stem Expo taking place in Miramar hosted by The Richard P. Hall Eagles Foundation, Inc. The event is expected to draw between 4,000 to 5,000 attendees.



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

The Executive Committee meeting ended at 9:19 am.

The next SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 8:15am. Location to be announced.