



**SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** May 14, 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 8:23AM on May 14, 2026.

**ROLL CALL:** 7 members; 4 required; 6 present: **No Quorum.**

<b>SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</b> <i>(VIA ZOOM)</i>	<b>SFWIB MEMBERS EXCUSED</b>	<b>SFWIB STAFF</b>
del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice-Chairman Ferradaz, Gilda Gibson, Charles, Chair Mantilla, Rene	Canales, Dequasia Chi, Joe Scott, Jr., Kenneth “Kenny”  <b>SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Beasley, Rick Bennett, Renee 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 – April 9, 2026**

{Passed: Due to Lack of Quorum}

### **4. Informational – Fiber Optic Training Update**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley delivered an update regarding the Fiber Optics Program at Miami-Dade College North Campus. This program, which was initially approved for a budget allocation of up to \$86,000 and aimed at enrolling 20 participants, commenced with an initial cohort of nine participants. Consequently, there remains a balance of \$47,000. Authorization has been granted to initiate the second cohort, thereby maximizing the available funding. Recruitment, registration, and eligibility for the next cohort is currently underway.

Mr. Beasley also highlighted potential employment opportunities with companies such as Mastech and AT&T; however, he will present any additional employers for the next full board meeting.

No further comments or suggestions were submitted. Item closed.

### **5. Informational – Work Opportunity Tax Credit Initial Funding Allotments for FY 26**

Mr. Beasley introduced the item; Mr. Smith provided an update on the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), highlighting the \$700,000 allotted to support small businesses throughout the state. CareerSource South Florida's business intermediaries assist local small- to mid-sized businesses that are willing to hire individuals from hard-to-serve populations by helping them complete the necessary documentation for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

Mr. Beasley reviewed the targeted hard-to-serve groups and informed the Committee that the tax credit allows businesses to receive between \$2,400 and \$9,600 for each qualifying hire, with the benefit potentially extended over the course of two years.

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

## **6. Informational – WIOA Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth Activities Program Allotments for PY 26**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item, Mr. Beasley announced that FloridaCommerce has recently issued the final allocations for Program Year 2026 to CareerSource South Florida under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Wagner-Peyser, and the Welfare Transition program.

He reviewed the funding allocations for various programs, including WIOA, and expressed concerns about significant reductions in Wagner-Peyser funding. He noted that the formula used to determine these allocation amounts was outdated. Additionally, he discussed the programmatic implications for CareerSource South Florida and mentioned that he has provided a more detailed analysis to the state for further discussion.

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

## **7. Informational – WIOA Reauthorization Bill, A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026 Update**

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Smith provided an overview of the Stronger Workforce for America Act for 2026, noting its similarities to last year's defeated bill and its passage in committee by a party-line vote. There is consensus amongst national boards and the National Association of Workforce Boards that the bill, as currently written, will not pass.

Mr. Smith presented the key provisions of the proposed bill, with a primary focus on three main areas: the 50% training expenditure mandate, the expansion of the governor's reserve, and increased reporting requirements. The 50% Training Expenditure Mandate would limit the percentage of funds allocated for supportive services to 10%. This reduction would impact essential services such as childcare, transportation, and case management.

Mr. Beasley indicated that the 50% Training Expenditure Mandate is not a new requirement for the state of Florida, as we have always had the opportunity to submit a waiver request within the existing framework. However, should the statute restrict states from enacting a waiver that allows for flexibility concerning the 50% mandate, this may present a significant concern.

The expansion of the governor's reserve will reduce the amount of Title I funding allocated to local workforce boards from 85% to 75%. This change will impact overall funding, but the most significant effect will be on the Dislocated Worker funds. Mr. Beasley noted that if this



measure passes, states will have the authority to withhold additional funds and allocate them according to their discretion, as these funds will be part of the governor's reserve.

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

## **Other Business & Announcements**

### **TANF Allocation Methodology Analysis**

Mr. Beasley reviewed the TANF Allocation Methodology Analysis that he recently submitted to the state. He advocated for a reconsideration of the funding methodology used to determine allocations, especially since it was implemented 21 years ago and significant changes have occurred since then.

### **Spirit Airlines Job Fair**

CareerSource South Florida recently hosted a career fair specifically for Spirit Airlines employees who were laid off due to the airline's cessation of operations. This event featured several prominent employers, including American Airlines, FEAM, AAR, and Miami-Dade College. The fair garnered extensive media attention and witnessed a considerable turnout from attendees.

### **D.C. Fly-in Event**

Mr. Beasley shared that he will be attending the GMCC Fly-in in Washington, DC. While there, he plans to meet with Secretary of Labor Henry Mack to discuss the recently submitted formal inquiry concerning the use of high-poverty areas to determine income eligibility for the adult population.

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

The Executive Committee meeting ended at 9:03 am.

*The next SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 8:15am. Location to be announced.*