



SFWIB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: June 11, 2026

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

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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 June 11, 2026.

ROLL CALL: 7 members; 4 required; 5 present: Quorum established.

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

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3A & 3B. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2026 and April 9, 2026

Chairman Gibson presented the SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes from the May 14, 2026 and April 9, 2026 meetings for review in advance of approval.

Motion for approval of the May 14, 2026 and April 9, 2026 SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting minutes by Mr. del Valle; Ms. Ferradaz seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

4. Informational – Federal Workforce Pell Grant Final Rule

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented an update on the Federal Workforce Pell Grant Program Final Rule as part of staff's ongoing effort to keep the Committee informed of developments at the federal level. He explained that on May 19, 2026, the U.S. Department of Education announced it will publish the final rule implementing the new Workforce Pell Grant program in the Federal Register. The rule, authorized under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act enacted in the summer of 2025, extends Pell Grant eligibility to shorter-term, high-quality workforce training programs for the first time. Mr. Beasley noted that Pell had previously been available only for longer programs and that the expansion will allow students to apply Pell toward short-term offerings such as the fiber optics program.

Mr. Beasley reviewed the program eligibility criteria, including a duration of 8 to 15 weeks, 150 to 599 clock hours, alignment with high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand occupations, and delivery by an accredited postsecondary institution eligible for Title IV federal student aid. He also reviewed the quality and accountability requirements, including a minimum 70% completion and job placement rate, a value-added earnings benchmark comparing graduate earnings to program cost, alignment with state-identified in-demand industries, and institutional eligibility. He expressed support for the accountability guardrails while cautioning that the expansion could prompt some proprietary schools to create programs that do not meet genuine business needs.

In response to Ms. Canales' inquiry regarding the entity responsible for determining the state-identified in-demand industries and occupations to be included on the safe list, Mr. Beasley clarified that both long-term and short-term projections for occupations and industries are calculated annually, utilizing labor market information at the state level. Locally, CSSF constructs its own supply-and-demand matrix to inform funding decisions in the region.

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Mr. Beasley reviewed the roles and responsibilities established under the rule, noting that the state is responsible for establishing program approval processes, identifying in-demand occupations, and maintaining the master credential list, while the local board advises jobseekers and employers, aligns training offerings with Miami-Dade's in-demand sectors, coordinates American Job Center service delivery, and captures required performance data. He clarified that state approval of a program does not guarantee that CSSF will contract with that provider. He identified an opportunity to increase enrollment by coordinating with co-located youth programs at technical colleges, enrolling students who use Workforce Pell, and directing CSSF resources toward supportive services that support program completion and placement.

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

5. Informational – Florida Special Legislative Session Update: FY '26-27 State Budget

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley provided an update on the Florida Special Legislative Session called by Governor DeSantis from May 12 through May 29, 2026, with the primary objective of finalizing the state budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27 before the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2026. He explained that the session was necessitated by significant differences between the Governor's budget proposal and the competing spending plans passed by the Florida Senate and House, which must be reconciled into a single conference budget through closed-door negotiations between the Senate and House budget chairmen.

Mr. Beasley summarized the three proposals. The Governor's "Floridians First" budget totals \$117.4 billion, the largest of the three, and includes \$16.75 billion in reserves with an emphasis on fiscal conservatism. The Senate proposed a \$115.0 billion budget that includes a 3% reduction in hospital Medicaid reimbursement rates, a primary sticking point in negotiations, along with a \$68 million increase in nursing home funding. The House proposed a \$113.6 billion budget, the most conservative of the three, opposing the Senate's hospital reimbursement cuts and proposing a larger \$82.4 million recurring increase in nursing home funding.

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

6. Informational – WIOA Allocation and Enrollment Analysis

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a WIOA allocation and enrollment analysis covering Program Year 2021-22 through PY 2025-26, with projections for PY 2026-27. He explained that the analysis was prompted in part by Acting Secretary of Labor Dr. Henry Mack's emphasis on enrollment levels across workforce boards; he wanted

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to confirm CSSF is an efficient and effective steward of its resources. Furthermore, Mr. Beasley noted that the analysis supported discussions held during his recent meeting with Dr. Mack, which Mr. Alfred Sanchez, President of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, also attended. He credited CSSF staff for their work building the analysis.

Mr. Beasley continued by reviewing the key findings. CSSF enrollment outpaced allocation changes from PY 2022-23 through PY 2024-25, peaking at approximately 21,000 participants. In PY 2025-26, allocation declined approximately 8% while enrollment declined approximately 42%, a contraction he attributed primarily to the rescission of temporary work authorization affecting the region's significant immigrant population rather than to funding levels. He noted that CSSF outpaced statewide enrollment growth in the earlier program years, and that although its PY 2025-26 decline was deeper than the statewide decline, the board maintained strong cost efficiency, with a cost per enrollment that remained below the statewide figure. He further noted that CSSF's enrollment and placement shares continued to exceed its allocation share and that its cost per placement remained well below the statewide benchmark.

Mr. Beasley reviewed the PY 2026-27 allocation-driven projection of approximately 12,264 participants and outlined strategies to increase enrollment, including coordinating Workforce Pell with youth providers, conducting eligibility determinations in advance of employer hiring events to accelerate placement, and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in partnership with Miami Dade College. He also identified an opportunity to increase Dislocated Worker enrollment relative to the volume of layoff activity in the region. He advised that the full analysis was attached for the Committee's reference and that staff will be using it to inform the ongoing redesign of the service delivery model to align with WIOA and REACH Act requirements.

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

7. Approval – Federal Workforce Policy Update & NAWB Policy Survey

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented staff's recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to submit a survey response on behalf of the Board to the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB), reflecting the priorities and challenges of the Miami-Dade workforce region. By way of background, he recalled the Administration's initial "skinny" budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2026, which outlined sweeping reductions to domestic discretionary spending, including significant cuts to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Labor. He noted that the current proposal significantly reduces adult program funding, holds Dislocated Worker funding flat, and

zeroes out Youth and Job Corps funding, which he characterized as a contradiction given the national goal of expanding apprenticeships, which depend on a strong youth pipeline.

Mr. Beasley reported that the federal budget process has advanced, with the Acting Secretary of Labor having appeared before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee to justify the Administration's FY27 request. He explained that the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) Block Grant remains the centerpiece of that request and would provide states with broad discretion, consolidate multiple WIOA Title I programs into a single block grant, require a new 10% set-aside for Registered Apprenticeships, and reduce reporting and compliance requirements. He expressed concern that the block grant structure could shift priorities away from serving the hardest-to-serve populations. He explained that NAWB has asked boards to submit responses and requested the Committee's approval to submit CSSF's responses on behalf of the Board.

Motion for approval to authorize the Executive Director to submit the survey response to the National Association of Workforce Boards by Mr. Scott; Ms. Canales seconded; **motion passed is without dissent.**

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

8. Approval – Related Party Training Vendor Agreements

Chairman Gibson introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented staff's recommendation that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board the approval of Training Vendor Agreements with training vendors represented on the Board.

Mr. Mantilla, of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, recused himself and stepped out of the room for the discussion and vote on this item.

Mr. Beasley explained that, in accordance with CareerSource Florida's Contracting Policy, regional workforce boards are prohibited from using state or federal funds for any contract exceeding \$25,000 with a vendor that has a relationship with a board member unless the contract is reviewed by both the Florida Department of Commerce and CareerSource Florida. He identified the institutions as the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Atlantis University, and the Academy of South Florida, each of which is represented on the Board. He noted that, upon approval by the Committee and the full Board and execution by the Chairman, the agreements will be submitted to the state for the required external review, and that the item is subject to a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board.

Motion for approval to recommend Related Party Training Vendor Agreements to the Board by Mr. Scott; Mr. del Valle seconded; **motion is passed without dissent.**

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

Other Business & Announcements

Workforce Funding Model and UI Trust Fund Proposal

Mr. Beasley reported that, during the recent national board meeting in Long Beach, he proposed that the National Workforce Association develop a funding model playbook to help workforce boards implement proven and successful workforce development practices. He described his continued effort to establish a dedicated state workforce funding source as federal investment in talent development declines, including a longstanding proposal to redirect a portion of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund employer contribution toward unrestricted workforce training dollars. He noted that the proposal, advanced over more than 15 years, may be better positioned now that the trust fund has returned to solvency.

Upcoming Full Board Meeting

Mr. Beasley advised that the full Board would meet the following week to finalize the budget, which reflects an approximately \$3 million reduction from the prior year, and to approve the selection of an external auditor. He reminded members that make-up training will be available for those who have not yet completed it and that financial disclosures are due July 1, 2026.

Recognition

Mr. del Valle shared that, during a recent Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce call regarding the 50th anniversary of Leadership Miami, Mr. Alfred Sanchez spoke highly of Mr. Beasley's leadership on workforce issues in South Florida and his work on behalf of the community. Mr. Beasley credited the CSSF team for its work.

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

The Executive Committee meeting ended at 9:06 am. *The next SFWIB Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 8:15am. Location to be announced.*