



## SFWIB FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE / TIME:** April 16, 2026, 8:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** The Landing at MIA  
 5 Star Conference Center (South Beach Room)  
 7415 Corporate Center Drive, Suite H  
 Miami, Florida 33126

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Scott called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Finance and Efficiency Council to order at 8:40am on April 16, 2026.

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

SFWIB FEC MEMBERS PRESENT	SFWIB FEC MEMBERS ABSENT	SFWIB STAFF
Chi, Joe Gibson, Charles Perez, Andy Pintado, Kirenia Scott Jr., Kenneth (Chair)	Bridges, Jeff  <b>SFWIB FEC MEMBERS EXCUSED</b> Datorre, Roberto	Bennett, Renee Petro, Basil  <b>ADMINISTRATION / IT</b>
OTHER ATTENDEES		

*Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.*

### 2. Public Comment

*Public comments should be two minutes or less.*

Chairman Scott opened the floor for public comment. None were presented. Item closed.

### 3A. Approval of Finance and Efficiency Council Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2026

Chairman Scott called for the minutes from the February 19, 2026 Finance and Efficiency Council meeting to be considered, allowing members an opportunity to review before entertaining a motion.

**Motion:** by Mr. Chi to approve February 19, 2026, Finance and Efficiency Council meeting minutes; Mr. Gibson seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

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

#### **4. Information – SFWIB February 2026 Financial Report**

Chairman Scott introduced the item; Ms. Bennett reviewed the unaudited SFWIB financial report for the period of July 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, including the expenditure rates and corresponding variance explanations by cost category:

- Headquarters costs: 61.7%, which is 5.3% lower than the projected rate, indicating continued monitoring of planned costs.
- Adult Services costs: 52.7%, which is 14.3% lower than the projected rate.
- Youth Services costs: 53.6%, which is 13.4% lower than the projected rate.
- Other Programs and Projects costs: 70.4%, which is 3.4% higher than the projected rate, attributable to the summer youth employment programs that reached completion during the first quarter of the fiscal year.
- Facilities costs: 52.2%, which is 14.8% lower than the projected rate.

Staff noted that the overall actual expenditure rate for the eight-month period is 51.2%, below the projected 67%, with variances attributed primarily to timing differences. The unrestricted fund balance is \$384,215.

Mr. Chi asked whether the delay in expenditure payments was impacting service delivery. Ms. Bennett clarified that the delay is due to the timing of service providers submitting their expenses for reimbursement in relation to the monthly closing process, and staff follow up on outstanding items from the previous month. As such, service delivery is not adversely affected.

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

#### **5. Information – February 2026 and March 2026 Bank Reconciliation**

Chairman Scott introduced the item; Ms. Bennett reviewed the cash reconciliations for the General Operating Account (Account 1102) for the months ending February 28, 2026, and March 31, 2026.

Mr. Gibson asked if the monthly reconciliation is required by statute. Ms. Bennett clarified that this practice was established by the staff after a previous issue with check-clearing. She explained that the monthly reconciliation report is submitted to the Council in accordance with recommendations from our auditors and the internal control guidelines of FloridaCommerce.

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

## 6. Information – OCI Fiscal Monitoring Activity Report

Chairman Scott introduced the item; Ms. Bennett reviewed the Office of Continuous Improvement (OCI) Internal Fiscal Monitoring Activity Report for Program Year 2025-2026, covering the period of February 19, 2025, through April 3, 2026. During the period, one service provider was monitored: Community Coalition, Inc. No disallowed costs were identified.

One finding and one observation were noted:

- **Finding:** Community Coalition, Inc. did not notify the SFWIB Contract Manager and accountant in writing of all staffing changes, and did not incorporate the changes into the available budget modifications, as required by the contract.
- **Observation:** A review of the unaudited financial statements as of October 31, 2025 indicated \$158,779.03 was invoiced to a CSSF program but not yet recorded to the Receivable and Program Revenue accounts, resulting in an overstated period-end deficit.

There were no repeat findings.

Ms. Pintado inquired about the significance of the date December 19, 2013, as referenced in the "background" section of the agenda item. Ms. Bennett clarified that this date marks the initial request by the Audit Committee for a monitoring activity report to be presented at subsequent meetings, a practice that has been consistently maintained since that time.

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

## 7. Information – FY 2027 Federal Budget Proposal

Chairman Scott introduced the item; Ms. Bennett reviewed the key workforce-development impacts of the initial Fiscal Year 2027 federal "skinny" budget request released April 3, 2026. The proposal requests \$1.5 trillion for national defense, a 44% increase over the FY 2026 enacted level, while reducing non-defense discretionary spending by approximately 10%.

Of direct concern to the SFWIB, the U.S. Department of Labor discretionary budget would be reduced by \$3.5 billion, or approximately 26%, from FY 2026 levels. Key items presented:

- Job Corps would be eliminated, a reduction of approximately \$1.6 billion, citing high per-graduate costs.

- The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) would be eliminated (approximately \$395 million) citing duplication with other programs.
- A new “Make America Skilled Again” block grant would consolidate multiple WIOA Title I workforce programs into a single state award, with no funding level specified and 10% reserved for Registered Apprenticeship Programs.
- Staff noted that Congress rejected similar consolidation proposals during the FY 2026 appropriations cycle and that it is unlikely all proposed reductions will be adopted as written. Staff will continue to monitor developments and provide updates.

Members discussed the potential impact of reduced federal funding on local workforce boards and the importance of diversifying resources.

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

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:02am.