



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:

DATE: December 17, 2015 at 8:00AM

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.
 Doubletree Hotel – Convention Center
 711 N.W 72nd Avenue
 Miami, FL 33126

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	SFWIB STAFF	OTHER ATTENDEES (AUDIENCE)
1. Ferradaz, Gilda– <i>Chairwoman</i> 2. del Valle, Juan Carlos, Vice- Chairman 3. Brecheisen, Bruce 4. Brown, Clarence 5. Ludwig, Philipp 6. Piedra, Obdulio 7. Russo, Monica	Graham, Tomara Kavehersi, Cheri	Bowers, Bill – <i>National Flight Academy</i> Davis, Shawn – <i>Florida Memorial University (FMU)</i> Flores, Oscar – <i>Compu-Med</i> Gilbert, David – <i>City of Miami</i>
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE 8. Boilini, Gina 9. Gazitua, Luis 10. Roth, Thomas 11. West, Alvin		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

1. Call to Order

Global Talent & Competitiveness Council Chairwoman, Gilda Ferradaz called the meeting to order at 8:46am and asked all those present introduce themselves. She further noted that a quorum had not been achieved.

3. **Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools) (M-DCPS) for Construction Technology and Forklift Training**
4. **Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for Construction Technology Training**

GTC Council Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz introduced the above two items and requested staff explain the difference between the two recommendations. SFWIB Business Services Manager Cheri Kaveheri explained that one of the two items is a recommendation for forklift certification training.

Mr. Brecheisen asked whether funding would be issued on a per student basis or fixed amount. Ms. Kaveheri responded that it would be paid on a fixed amount to cover 25 students per cohort. Mr. Brecheisen further asked whether if this program had been previously funded by this agency. And if so, what were the outcomes. Ms. Kaveheri provided the following information:

- ✓ 98 students enrolled
- ✓ 88 students completed
- ✓ 44 students graduated

The consensus of the members present moved the item to the full board for approval.

(The above items were later approved after a quorum had been established; **Item 3** moved by Mr. Philipp Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Bruce Brecheisen; **Item 4** moved by Mr. Obdulio Piedra and seconded by Mr. Bruce Brecheisen)

5. **Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Miami Dade College for a Future Banker's Training Program**

Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz read the item into record and subsequently asked whether there would be any matching grants. SFWIB Youth Programs Manager Tomara Graham responded, "Yes" and explained that matching dollars would be received by various institutional partners of Miami Dade College and Cuban National Council (CNC). She also presented the following information:

- ✓ 77 Juniors enrolled in the Program (SFWIB funded 26 participants)
- ✓ 24 Financial Institutions Provided Internship
- ✓ 16 High Schools Participated in the Program

Ms. Graham furthermore explained that there are two certifications available. Students can earn a certificate in either bank teller or customer service.

Mr. Piedra shared with the Council the successes of this program. Ms. Graham shared her experience as well.

Mr. Brecheisen inquired about this year's enrollment and program funds. Ms. Graham explained that SFWIB funded 22 students for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Piedra added that SFWIB funds are about a third of the program and banking institutions fund the remaining balance.

The consensus of the members present moved the item to the full board for approval.

6. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds to Florida Memorial University for the Black Male College Explorers Program (BMCEP)

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced and read the item into record. Ms. Graham provided further details.

Mr. Brecheisen verified the funding amount of \$6,000 per enrollee. Ms. Graham confirmed the amount was correct. Mr. Piedra added that the funding covers a six-week program providing campus stay and meals.

Ms. Russo inquired about participating high schools. Ms. Graham explained that the program is open to all Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

Chairwoman Ferradaz inquired about admission criteria. Mr. Shawn Davis from Florida Memorial University (FMU) appeared before the Council and explained FMU's current partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He stated that the primary purpose is to promote college readiness by giving students the exposure and experience of college life, as well as promote Science, Technology, Engineering, **Arts** and Math (STEAM) programs (also known as STEM).

Mr. Brecheisen questioned the high cost of \$6,000 per enrollee for a six-week program. He subsequently inquired about the STEM program being expanded to STEAM (to include 'Arts') and becoming a dual program. He also inquired about prior year successes ('track record'). Mr. Davis provided the following information:

- ✓ Program has been in existence since 1994
- ✓ 100% graduation rate
- ✓ 98% rate attended college
- ✓ 90% retention rate
- ✓ 400 college assistance have been provided since program inception

Chairwoman Ferradaz inquired about overnight supervision. She explained that as a representative of the Department of Children and Families, she wants to ensure participants (minors), are properly supervised. Mr. Davis explained that college students would be hired as mentors and employees of the University are also assigned to oversee students and operations. Chairwoman Ferradaz requested a detailed report be provided at a later date showing a breakdown of what would be covered in the \$6,000 fee per enrollee.

Mr. Ludwig inquired about potential sponsorships. He asked whether the program would "collapse" if SFWIB does not approve the funding request. He also inquired about FMU's program in comparison to other universities. Mr. Davis explained that if SFWIB does not approve this item, the program would not "collapse." However, it would limit the amount of services budgeted for this year. Mr. Davis furthermore explained that FMU currently has one of the best programs in the state of Florida.

Ms. Ferradaz asked whether FMU's program is a sole source considering staff's recommendation to waive the competitive procurement process.

Vice-Chairman del Valle explained that FMU's program would not be considered a sole source if the same program is being offered at other universities. He additionally noted a scrivener's error into record.

Mr. Brecheisen inquired about other sponsorships. Mr. Davis responded that U.S. Department of Education is one of FMU's major sponsors, followed by TD Banks, AT&T, Publix and other entities. Mr. Brecheisen further requested a detailed budget be provided showing the sponsorship amount per student and total cost of the program.

Chairwoman Ferradaz inquired about the total number of participants. Mr. Davis responded 60. However, he further stated that SFWIB would only sponsor 20 of the 60 participants. Mr. Brecheisen asked whether there would be two sessions during the summer to accommodate the 60 students. Mr. Ludwig also requested additional clarification. It was explained that FMU's program is the only in the state to provide student engagement throughout the entire year. The program also consists of a 6-week on-campus summer residential stay which takes up 90% of the total budget and reiterated that SFWIB would only cover a third of the budget totaling 20 students.

Chairwoman Ferradaz inquired about the services offered throughout the entire academic year. Mr. Davis listed the following:

- Tutoring
- Community Service
- Mentorship
- Coaching
- Spring Break College Tours

Mr. Ludwig commented that he's in support. However, he recommends more data be provided. Mr. Piedra concurred.

Mr. Ludwig asked if this request is time sensitive. Mr. Davis explained that if this item should be deferred, it would potentially cause delays of official start date.

Mr. Brecheisen commended FMU's program on the fact it currently holds an extremely high graduation and college achievement rate. He recommended this key success be displayed in the program highlights.

Mr. Davis additionally noted that the program also offers various services to parents.

[Mr. Clarence Brown arrived; **Quorum achieved**]

Ms. Monica Russo moved the approval to Allocate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds to Florida Memorial University for the Black Male College Explorers Program (BMCEP). Motion seconded by Mr. Obdulio Piedra; **Motion Passed Unanimously**

2. Approval of Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2015

Mr. Bruce Brecheisen moved the approval of GTC Council Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Monica Russo; **Motion Passed Unanimously**

The Council resumed to items 3 & 4 for approval.

3. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for Construction Technology and Forklift Training

Mr. Philipp Ludwig moved the approval to allocate funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for Construction Technology and Forklift Training. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruce Brecheisen; **Motion Passed Unanimously**

4. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for Construction Technology Training

Mr. Obdulio Piedra moved the approval to allocate funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for Construction Technology Training. Motion seconded by Mr. Bruce Brecheisen; **Motion Passed Unanimously**

7. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds to Support the National Flight Academy Program

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced and presented the item. She additionally noted scrivener's errors into record.

GTC Council Vice-Chairman Juan Carlos del Valle moved the approval to allocate temporary assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to Support City Year. Motion Seconded by Mr. Obdulio Piedra; **Further Discussion(s):**

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if students from Monroe County would also participate, and if so, how many. Ms. Graham responded, "Yes" and explained that the amount of students have not been determined as of yet. Ms. Graham additionally explained she is currently reaching out to various organizations to assist with recruiting students that meet the minimum criteria. She further stated there will be a total of 200 students potentially recruited for this year's program. Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if the amount would include foster children. Ms. Graham responded, "Yes."

Mr. Brecheisen inquired about the Naval Base. National Flight Academy Chief Financial Officer Bill Bowers appeared before the Council and explained.

Mr. Piedra shared his experience of when he toured the National Flight Academy during an event that was held there.

Mr. Brecheisen inquired about current age groups. Mr. Bowers responded 11 to 18 years of age that are in grades seven (7) to 12.

Ms. Russo inquired about the number of female students. Mr. Bowers responded that STEM education historically attracts about 18% of female students. However, the National flight Academy attracts about 40%. Ms. Russo later inquired about the number of minority students and Mr. Bowers responded that he did not have an exact estimate. He however advised that NFA partners with local youth organizations to recruit students every year. He further mentioned two of NFA's partners which are Federal Express and Black Aviators that focus on recruiting minority students. He advised that the program consists of a large portion of minorities.

Motion passed by Unanimous Consent

8. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools to Support City Year

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Ms. Graham further discussed.

Chairwoman Ferradaz requested information related to funding. Ms. Graham responded that the funding would cover the 20 corps member salaries that would be assigned to each school.

Vice-Chairman del Valle verified whether funding would cover only a portion of each corps member salary and Ms. Graham responded, "Yes."

Chairwoman Ferradaz also requested verification on the total number of students and Ms. Graham responded a total of 860 to potentially recruit a total of 86 students per school.

Mr. Brecheisen asked whether if the corps members are currently working during the 2015/16 school year and if so, how salaries are being funded. Ms. Graham responded that she believes Miami-Dade County Public Schools receives various funding source to help cover salaries.

Mr. Clarence Brown asked whether if City Year is currently receiving funds from this agency. Ms. Graham responded that the program had been listed in last year's budget, but it never materialized. Mr. Brown explained that this had been a concern brought up by the Board at its prior meeting. He stated City Year had received prior funds but did not expend the funds within its designated timeframe. He questioned whether City Year would be able to fulfill its obligation if it had not done so the prior year. Ms. Graham responded she would verify this information and will report back to the Council at a later date.

Vice-Chairman del Valle inquired whether the recommendation is time sensitive.

Mr. Piedra inquired about a budget.

There was continued discussion.

Mr. Brecheisen recommended deferring the item until more information is provided.

Item deferred by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:38am.