



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2A

DATE: April 19, 2018 at 8:00AM

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2018 at 8:00 A.M.
 Doubletree Hotel – Exhibition 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, <i>Vice-Chairman</i> 3. Brown, Clarence 4. Ludwig, Philipp 5. Roth, Thomas	Beasley, Rick Graham, Tomara Kavehersi, Cheri	Glez, Monica – <i>Florida International University (FIU)</i> Nelson, Saliha – <i>Urgent, Inc.</i> Rodanes, Carlos – <i>New Horizons of South Florida</i>
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE 6. Brecheisen, Bruce 7. Gazitua, Luis 8. Piedra, Obdulio 9. Russo, Monica		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

1. Call to Order

Global Talent and Competitiveness (GTC) Council Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz called the meeting to order at 8:35am, apologized for the delay in starting today’s meeting, and noted into record that the Council is one additional member short from achieving a quorum. She furthermore requested a moment of silence and respect for those that lost their lives at the massive shooting yesterday (2-14-18) at Douglas High School in Parkland Florida.

2. Recommendation as to Approval of August 17, 2017 and October 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Deferred due to lack of quorum

Mr. Piedra noted into record there's no quorum.

Chairwoman Ferradaz requested clarification on the difference between “motion passed unanimously” and “motion passed by unanimous consent”. SFWIB Agenda staff Antoinette Jean-Baptiste further explained the differences notated.

[Formal introductions]

3. Recommendation as to Approval of New Training Provider and Program

Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz introduced the item and SFWIB Policy Manager Cheri Kavehersi further presented and read the item into record.

Mr. Obdulio Piedra asked whether if the school met all of its requirements and Ms. Kavehersi explained that it met all of the standards with the exception of one criteria (being on CSSF's Targeted Occupation List (TOL)). Mr. Piedra asked whether if there is a large audience for this type of training and Ms. Kavehersi responded that the audience is currently small. However, she further explained the demands and developments in Broward County.

Chairwoman Ferradaz requested additional details and Mr. Piedra further explained.

Vice-Chairman Juan Carlos del Valle requested a representative from Adaptive Construction Solutions, Inc. to speak before the Council to address the concern. He additionally noted that the projects currently worked on in Miami will remain in Miami.

Mr. Piedra asked whether if there is a pool of interest for this particular program and the representative responded. “Yes” and provided further explained it is a pilot program to get this program on the current training vendor list.

Mr. Piedra inquired about the location of the various projects and the represented responded that he wasn't too sure but provided additional details regarding current projects at Port St. Lucie, Orlando, Miami and Broward County Florida.

Mr. del Valle requested additional details regarding the locations and the representative provided further details. He additionally noted that the projects created in the various parts of Miami would remain there.

Mr. Piedra briefed the Council about a project currently being worked on valued at \$3 trillion nationally that would require more infrastructures built. Therefore, he briefly shared his comments approving this particular program that he felt would not have a negative impact. He furthermore recommended the item be moved by consensus.

Item moved by consensus of the members present for recommendation to the full board

4. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds for TechHire Summer Boot Camps

SFWIB Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz introduced and read the item into record and SFWIB Youth Programs Manager Tomara Graham further presented.

Chairwoman Ferradaz requested verification on current data and Ms. Graham verified there were a total of 465 youth participated in the program and from that amount, a total of 306 completed the program. Mr. Piedra asked whether if there were one third of them were eventually certified. Her response was, "Yes".

Mr. Clarence Brown inquired about the other participants that completed the program. Ms. Graham explained they (142 participants) were given an opportunity to take the exam, however, they chose not to.

There was continued discussion.

Ms. Ferradaz asked whether there were any challenges with the recruitment process. Ms. Graham briefly responded and SFWIB Executive Director Rick Beasley further explained there were no challenges.

Mr. Piedra asked whether if the program was held at North Miami Senior High. Mr. Beasley and Ms. Graham noted into record the following schools:

- North Miami Senior High
- Homestead Senior High
- Norland High
- North Miami Beach Senior High
- Miami Senior High
- South Ridge High
- Robert Morgan Technical
- Miami Lakes Technical
- Lindsey Hopkins Technical
- G. Holmes Braddock Senior High
- South Dade High

Mr. Piedra asked whether if there would be more schools next year and Ms. Graham responded, "Yes". Executive Vice-President of New Horizons, Inc. Mr. Arnie Girnun provided updates.

Mr. Beasley also gave updates on Black Tech Week.

Ms. Ferradaz inquired about participant's goal for this year's TechHire program. Mr. Beasley further explained.

Ms. Ferradaz asked whether if stipends would be same as prior year and Mr. Beasley responded, "Yes".

Mr. Piedra inquired about the number of high schools students and Mr. Beasley provided further details.

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

There was continued discussion.

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if the stipends would be the same as prior year and Mr. Beasley responded, “Yes”.

Mr. Piedra asked whether if there is any additional information on the 160 participants that were certified. Mr. Beasley further explained.

Mr. Piedra inquired about a tracking mechanism and Mr. Beasley further explained.

Item moved by consensus of the members present for recommendation to the full board

5. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Purchase Computers for TechHire Center

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced and read the item into record. Mr. Beasley further presented.

Mr. Brown inquired about CDC’s potential role and Mr. Beasley further explained as well as members of the Council.

Item moved by consensus of the members present for recommendation to the full board

6. Recommendation as to Approval to Release the Workforce Services RFP

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Mr. Beasley further presented.

Chairwoman asked whether if their current contract is through June 30th and Mr. Beasley responded, “Yes” and provided further details.

Ms. Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if the item should be amended based on latest update. Mr. Beasley responded, “No” as he further explained there would be another amended recommendation brought forward at a later date.

Item moved by consensus of the members present for recommendation to the full board

7. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds for TechLaunch Training Initiative

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced and read the item into record. Mr. Beasley further discuss.

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced Vice-President of Urgent, Inc. Ms. Saliha Nelson who appeared before the Council and provided further details on initiatives.

No further questions or discussions.

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

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15am.