



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

DATE/TIME: August 19, 2021, 8:30AM
LOCATION: Miami Airport Hotel Convention Center, 2nd Floor
 711 N.W. 72nd Avenue
 Miami, FL 33126

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	SFWIB STAFF	OTHER ATTENDEES (AUDIENCE MEMBERS)
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair Del Valle, Juan Carlos, Vice-Chair Brecheisen, Bruce Brown, Clarence Roth, Thomas Piedra, Obdulio Loynaz, Oscar M.D.	Kelly, Travis Smith, Robert	Gooding, Michelle Harris, Natalie Ovueraye, Loretta Padeco, Raul
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE		
Coldiron, Michelle West, Alvin “Al”		

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 8:35am and asked all those present introduce themselves.

2. Approval of GTC Council Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021

Deferred due to lack of quorum.

3. Recommendation as to Approval of an Allocation for the Star of the Sea Foundation, Inc. Project

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Mr. Robert Smith further presented. Mr. Obdulio Piedra moved the approval of an allocation for the Star of the Sea foundation, Inc. Project. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarence Brown; **Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent**

4. Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz introduced the item and read it into record. Mr. Smith further presented.

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if there were any recusals and Mr. Smith provided details.

He additionally noted this item would be moved by consensus of the members present. Mr. Obdulio Piedra moved the approval of Related Party Training Vendor Agreements. Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas Roth; **Further Discussion(s):**

Mr. Piedra asked whether if all of the training providers listed met performance standards and in compliance with all regulations. Mr. Smith responded, “Yes”. He provided further details. Mr. Roth asked whether if this item must be brought before the Council & Board on an annual basis. Mr. Smith responded, “Yes” then provided further details on certain programs that would potentially roll over and be continuous.

Chairwoman Ferradaz requested additional details and Mr. Smith further explained Individual Training Account (ITA) approval procedures.

No further questions or discussions.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

5. Recommendation as to Approval to Add an Occupation to the WDA 23 Targeted Occupation List

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Mr. Smith further presented. Mr. Thomas Roth moved the approval to add an occupation to the WDA 23 Targeted Occupation List. Motion Seconded by Obdulio Piedra; **Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent**

6. Recommendation of New Programs for an Existing Training Provider

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and asked whether if there were any recusals for this item.

Mr. Obdulio Piedra moved the approval of new programs for an existing training provider. Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas Roth; **Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent**

Mr. Piedra inquired about the automotive program and Mr. Smith provided details and noted the demand is very high for this particular program.

Mr. Roth inquired about the automotive group and Mr. Smith provided details regarding the high demands in the automotive industries.

Mr. Piedra shared his concerns regarding the current shifts.

No further questions or discussions.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

7. Recommendation as to Approval to Accept and Allocate Funds for the Miami-Dade County Commission District 9 Safety Net Summer Youth Employment Program

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and read the item into record. She further asked whether if there were any recusals for this item.

Mr. Clarence Brown moved the approval to accept and allocate funds for the Miami-Dade County Commission District 9 Safety Net Summer Youth Employment Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas Roth; **Further Discussion(s):**

Mr. Clarence Brown inquired about the \$175,000 budgeted in the Mayor's plan and how would this allocation impact this agency's initiative. Youth Programs Special Projects Administrator Travis Kelly provided details.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

8. Recommendation as to Approval to Accept and Allocate Funds for the City of Miami Gardens Summer Youth Employment Program

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and read it into record.

Mr. Clarence Brown moved the approval to accept and allocate funds for the City of Miami Gardens Summer Youth Employment Program. Motion seconded by Mr. Obdulio Piedra; **Further Discussion(s):**

Chairwoman Ferradaz confirmed prior partnerships with this entity. Mr. Kelley confirmed that CSSF has partnered with this entity in the past.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

9. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Funds to Continue Operating the SFWIB Special Project Initiatives

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Mr. Smith further presented. Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if there were any recusals.

Mr. Obdulio Piedra moved the approval to allocate funds to continue operating the SFWIB special project initiatives. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarence Brown; Further Discussion(s):

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if the dollar amounts represented the number of students that would be participating in the program. Mr. Smith explained.

Mr. Piedra verified the number of campuses and Mr. Smith responded at total of eight.

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if there's a detailed report showing the number of registered students. Mr. Smith provided details.

Mr. Piedra inquired about graduate rates and placement rates.

Mr. Piedra asked whether if the data reflect a variety of students (local and international students). Mr. Smith provided further details.

Mr. Roth inquired about the competitive process being waved. Mr. Smith explained that CSSF would be contracting with a governmental entity.

The Council questioned the waiver for private schools as well (Florida Memorial University and St. Thomas University). Mr. Smith noted he would research further and provide an update.

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if those entities reached out to CSSF. Mr. Smith responded, "Yes" then further explained this particular initiative had been first proposed by Florida International University (FIU).

No further questions or discussions.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

10. Recommendation as to Approval to Allocate Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Rapid Response and Business Intermediaries

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Mr. Smith further presented. Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if there were any recusals.

Mr. Obdulio moved the approval to allocate Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for rapid response and business intermediaries. Motion seconded by Dr. Oscar Loynaz; Further Discussion(s):

Dr. Loynaz asked whether if he would be required to recuse himself from voting on this item since he's a currently a member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

The response was "maybe".

Dr. Loynaz withdrew his motion and recused himself from voting on item due to a potential conflict.

Motion withdrawn.

New Motion:

Mr. Obdulio Piedra moved the approval to allocate Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Rapid Response and Business Intermediaries. Motion seconded by Mr. Thomas Roth; **Further Discussion(s):**

Mr. Piedra shared his comments regarding this program making a positive impact to small businesses.

Mr. Brown inquired about the status of prior concerns regarding performance challenges. Mr. Smith provided an update that pending contracts were officially signed. He provided additional details

Mr. Brown furthermore inquired about seeking partnership with other agencies that fund economic development related programs.

Mr. Piedra

Mr. Brown requested more information be provided related to potential partnerships and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI).

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked whether if the program was restricted to a particular population. Mr. Smith explained that it was open to qualified applicants.

Mr. Roth inquired about the funding disbursement process and Mr. Smith provided details on cost reimbursement processes. Mr. Roth further asked whether if the funds are being completely exhausted by contracted entities. Mr. Smith responded, "Yes". He provided additional details.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

11. Recommendation as to Approval of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Policies

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

Mr. Thomas Roth moved the approval of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarence Brown; **Further Discussion(s):**

Chairwoman Ferradaz requested additional details and Mr. **Smith explained.**

Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting adjourned at 9:23am.