



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT & COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: June 20, 2024, 8:30AM

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcuCqgDoiHdfQcKvvsUWUz1vGZLiStRim](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=1234567890)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Ferradaz, called to order the regular meeting of the SFWIB Global Talent and Competiveness Council on June 20, 2024 at 8:35am.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** 11 members; 6 required; 6 present: Quorum Achieved

SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS PRESENT	SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS ABSENT	SFWIB STAFF
(All members attended via Zoom) 1. Brecheisen, Bruce 2. Brown, Clarence 3. Del Valle, Juan-Carlos 4. Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair 5. Palacios, Carol 6. Whitaker, David	Gazitua, Luis Grice, Sonia Lincoln, Michelle, Commissioner SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS EXCUSED Loynaz, Oscar M.D., Vice-Chair Piedra, Obdulio	Beasley, Rick Gonzalez, Yoandy Smith, Robert Vice, Karlisha
OTHER ATTENDEES		
Fox, Bryan, My It Future Institute		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

An administrative announcement was made at the start of the meeting, informing members of the recent implementation of a new polling feature that will permit them to enter their vote(s) electronically during virtual meetings.

2A. Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2024

Chairwoman Ferradaz announced the consideration of minutes from the April 18, 2024 GTCC meeting and permitted the members to conduct a review before taking a motion.

Motion: Mr. del Valle to approve the April 18, 2024 Global Talent & Competitive Council minutes.



Mr. Brecheisen seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 2A

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brown, Clarence	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes
Palacios, Carol	Yes
Whitaker, David	Yes

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

3. Approval – New Demand Occupation List Addition

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented the request for SOC Code 49-3021, Automotive Body and Related Repairers, to be added to the regions Demand Target Occupation List for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Motion: Mr. Whitaker to approve SOC Code 49-3021, Automotive Body and Related Repairers, to be added to the regions Demand Target Occupation List for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Mr. Brecheisen seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 3

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brown, Clarence	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes
del Valle, Juan Carlos	Yes
Palacios, Carol	Yes

4. Approval – New Training Provider and New Program

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item, and Mr. Smith subsequently presented the request to add ACI Learning Apprenticeship Program as a new training provider with two new programs: Cybersecurity Support Technician and Tech Support Specialist. In addition, he presented a request to add two additional programs Miami-Dade County Public Schools, an established training provider: Commercial AC and Diesel Off-Road Maintenance Technician.



Motion: Mr. Brown to approve the addition of ACI Learning Apprenticeship Program as a new training provider with the programs submitted; and the addition of new programs for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Ms. Palacios seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 4

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brecheisen, Bruce	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes
del Valle, Juan Carlos	Yes
Whitaker, David	Yes

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

5. Approval – Summer Youth Employment Program: City of Miami Gardens

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented program specifics for the City of Miami Gardens Summer Youth Employment Program. He further advised the Council that this agenda item would include three matters for consideration and subsequent approval.

Motion: Mr. Brown to approve the acceptance of \$100,000 in general revenue funds from the City of Miami Gardens for the Summer Youth Employment Program; the SFWIB will allocate matching funds of \$100,000 in TANF dollars to the Adult Mankind Organization, who will administer the program.

Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 5

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brecheisen, Bruce	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes
Palacios, Carol	Yes
Whitaker, David	Yes

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

6. Approval – Summer Youth Employment Program: City of Opa-Locka

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented program specifics for the City of Opa-Locka Summer Youth Employment Program. He further advised the Council that this agenda item would include three matters for consideration and subsequent approval.



Motion: Mr. Brown to approve the acceptance of \$50,000 in general revenue funds from the City of Miami Gardens for the Summer Youth Employment Program; the SFWIB will allocate matching funds of \$50,000 in TANF dollars to the youth Co-Op, Inc., who will administer the program.

Mr. Whitaker seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 6

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brecheisen, Bruce	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes
Palacios, Carol	Yes
del Valle, Juan Carlos	Yes

Chairwoman Ferradaz inquired about any additional funds that may be allocated to Youth Co-Op, Inc. for the administration of the program. Mr. Smith advised that since Youth Co-Op is an established service provider with CSSF, most if the tasks associated with the administration of this program are standard in their day-to-day operations. Most of the funds will be allocated to participant expenses; however, he will review the contract to determine whether there will be any additional administrative expenses for Youth Co-Op, Inc.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

7. Approval – Renewal of Business Intermediary Contracts

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith further presented the request to renew business intermediary contracts with the following organizations:

- Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Inc. - Allocation: \$125,000
- CAMACOL, Inc. - Allocation: \$125,000
- Florida Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. - Allocation: \$75,000
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce – Allocation: \$150,000
- Beacon Council Economic Development Foundation, Inc. – Allocation: \$100,000

Mr. Smith further advised that the renewal of the business intermediary contracts will facilitate the continuance of essential support services for businesses that are experiencing substantial workforce changes. This will help to mitigate the impact of job cuts and foster economic stability in the region.



Motion: Mr. Whitaker to approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$575,000 in WIOA Dislocated Worker funds to renew Business Intermediary contracts with the five organizations as listed. Ms. Palacios seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 7

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brecheisen, Bruce	Yes
Brown, Clarence	Yes
del Valle, Juan Carlos	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

8. Approval – Denial of New Training Vendor Application

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith provided further details regarding the request to deny My IT Future Institute's application to become a new training provider for the agency at this time.

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked if anyone from the agency was online to provide public comment. Mr. Bryan Foxx, General Manager of My IT Future Institute, introduced himself and advised that he wanted to understand the reason behind the possible denial of the organization's training application.

Mr. Smith explained that My IT Future Institute, a new training organization, underwent a standard review of its operational documents to become a new training provider with CSSF. During this process, CSSF staff discovered that My IT Future Institute is owned by the same person who previously operated New Horizons Computer Learning Company, a previous CSSF training vendor that ceased operations in 2023. The closure left many students in a state of uncertainty regarding the next steps with their education.

In addition, CSSF staff discovered about an ongoing case involving the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General and the Department of Justice. The owner of both organizations is currently under investigation for potentially overcharging the VA for services, not reporting tuition waivers and scholarships provided by GI Bill students, and falsely certifying compliance with Title 38 ban on incentive compensation – tied to student enrollment. To date, no information is available that certifies that the issue has been resolved or that 'My Future IT Institute' has been separated from the one owner.



Motion: Mr. Brown to approve the recommendation to reject the Training Vendor Application for 'My Future IT Institute' at this time. The provider may re-apply for consideration after all legal matters have been resolved. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Mr. Foxx offered to assist any students who were left in limbo from New Horizons' closure. He assured the committee that My Future IT would be clear of all investigations within the next 45-60 days. He emphasized that their involvement in the case was due to their status as an affiliated franchise. Bryan clarified the structure of the New Horizons corporate entity and its franchise locations. He further explained that each franchise applies for its own training license individually, and that the corporate entity no longer exists due to poor leadership.

Mr. Brecheisen inquired about a civil lawsuit against the New Horizons franchise and its owner. Mr. Foxx confirmed that the lawsuit, which the US Attorney's office filed, targeted every franchise owner due to issues with falsified attendance and other criminal activities. He further explained that the VA often requires students to repay the difference between their training benefits and the amount paid for by the VA, which can put some students in financial distress.

Mr. Brecheisen and Mr. Whitaker discussed the staff's recommendation to deny the application further. Mr. Smith clarified that although the staff can suggest approval or denial, only the board has the authority to approve or deny an application.

Mr. del Valle suggested postponing the decision until the legal matter is resolved, which would result in the same outcome as a direct denial; however, Mr. Brown and Chairwoman Ferradaz agreed that the original motion would be best to ensure that the board receives all updates when the organization re-submits an application for consideration.

The Committee decided to recommend to the board to disapprove the Future Institute's application. My future IT is eligible to re-apply once the matter is resolved.

Member votes recorded for Agenda Item 7

Member Name	Vote Recorded
Brecheisen, Bruce	Yes
Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair	Yes
Palacios, Carol	Yes
Whitaker, David	Yes, with stated amendments

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.



Being as there were no further questions or concerns, the meeting adjourned at 9:33am.