



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT & COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: October 17, 2024, 8:30AM
LOCATION: The Landing of MIA, 5-Star Conference Center
 7415 Corporate Center Drive, Suite H
(Florida Key Room)
 Miami, FL 33126

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApcuCuqDoiHdfQcKvvSUWUz1vGZLiStRim>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Palacios, present at the meeting, chaired the session in place of Chairwoman Ferradaz, who participated remotely via Zoom.

The regular meeting of the SFWIB Global Talent and Competiveness Council on October 17, 2024 was called to order at 8:38am.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** 10 members; 6 required; 6 present: Quorum achieved

SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS PRESENT	SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS ABSENT	SFWIB STAFF
Del Valle, Juan-Carlos (Zoom) Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair Gazitua, Luis (Zoom) Grice, Sonia (Zoom) Palacios, Carol Piedra, Obdulio (Zoom)	Brown, Clarence Whitaker, David SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS EXCUSED Brecheisen, Bruce Loynaz, Oscar M.D., Vice-Chair	Smith, Robert Vice, Karlisha
OTHER ATTENDEES		
Diaz, Lupe, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Kennedy, Faith, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Mitchell, Carlena, Miami-Dade County Public Schools		

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

2. Public Comment

Public comments should be two minutes or less.

Mr. Smith opened the floor for comments from the public. No requests to speak were received by the Executive Office. None were presented. Item closed.



3A. Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023, June 20, 2024, and August 22, 2024

Mr. Smith introduced the minutes for review and approval by the Council. Ms. Palacios requested a single motion to approve all of the minutes that were presented for approval.

Motion: Chairwoman Ferradaz approves the GTCC meeting minutes for June 15, 2023, June 20, 2024, and August 22, 2024. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

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

4. Information – Summer Youth Internship Program Update

Ms. Palacios introduced the item; Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Diaz, who presented an update on the Summer Youth Internship Program.

Dr. Diaz was commended by Chairwoman Ferradaz for the program's ongoing success. Additionally, she expressed her desire for the program to enroll a greater number of foster children in the future.

Mr. Piedra inquired about Charter Schools and their contributions to the program. Dr. Diaz advised that charter schools have not made any financial contributions to the program, and shared that there were 164 students enrolled in the program this year.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

5. Approval – Miami Dade County New Apprenticeship Program

Mr. Smith introduced and presented the request to add a new culinary apprenticeship program for Miami Dade College.

Motion: Chairwoman Ferradaz recommends the approval of the new culinary apprenticeship program for Miami Dade College. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

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



6. Approval – New Training Provider

Mr. Smith introduced the agenda item and summarized the new training provider, My IT Future Institute, which is being presented to the Council for endorsement. On June 20th, the Council reviewed the same provider; however, the application was denied due to ongoing litigation with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida.

The case involving My IT Future Institute was resolved on May 30, 2024, with the stipulation that each organization would be responsible for its own attorney's fees and costs. A more significant related case reached an out-of-court settlement, which was resolved on July 10, 2024.

Mr. Smith shared the limited information that was available about the 1.3M settlement between the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and New Horizons.

The Council presented questions for My IT Future Institute; however, a representative was not available. The item has been deferred until the December meeting to ensure a My IT Future Institute representative will be present to provide details and address any inquiries.

Motion: Mr. Gazitua recommends that the item be deferred until a representative for My IT Future Institute can be available for further discussion. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

7. Approval – 2025 – 2029 WIOA Local and Regional Workforce Plan

Mr. Smith introduced the item, and Ms. Vice provided a concise overview of the 2025-2029 Local and Regional Workforce Plan. The comprehensive presentation will be delivered during the full board meeting at 9:30 am.

Motion: Mr. Piedra recommends the approval of the 2025 – 2029 WIOA Local and Regional Workforce Plan. Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

Being as there were no further questions or concerns, the meeting adjourned at 9:13am.