



2. Public Comment

Public comments should be two minutes or less.

Vice Chairman Loynaz opened the floor for comments from the public. Mr. Smith acknowledged receipt of a Request to Speak Form from representatives of My IT Future Institute. They are present and will be given an opportunity to speak when the respective agenda item (item 4) is presented to the Council. Item closed.

3A. Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2024 and October 17, 2024

Vice Chairman Loynaz presented the December 19, 2024 and October 17, 2024 Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting minutes for consideration before entertaining a motion.

Motion: Mr. del Valle to approve GTCC meeting minutes for December 19, 2024 and October 17, 2024. Mr. Whitaker seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

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

4. Approval – New Training Provider

Vice Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented My IT Future Institute for approval as a potential new training provider for Local Workforce Area (LWDA) 23 (Miami-Dade County). This marks the fourth time this request has been brought before the Council. During the meetings in October and December, Council members expressed concerns regarding the resolution of the New Horizons legal case; however, representatives from My IT Future were unavailable for discussion at that time.

This meeting, Mr. Foxx and Mr. Remington from My IT Future Institute were present to answer questions from Council members. Mr. Smith also provided an overview of the next steps following the members' vote.

Motion: Mr. del Valle recommends the approval of My IT Future Institute as a new training provider for LWDA 23. Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

5. Approval – Women in Tech Program for City of Miami

Vice Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Ms. Vice presented the request to allocate no more than \$250,000 in WIOA funds to launch the "Women in Tech Full Stack Web Developer Training" initiative. This program is in partnership with the City of Miami, which has also approved a matching allocation of \$250,000 to fund participant on-the-job training.

The program aims to provide web development training and hands-on work experience to 25 women. The Academy will facilitate the program at the YMCA of Miami's Tech Hire Center. Youth Co-Op Little Havana will receive the funds and be responsible for the administration of program working directly with the City of Miami for the coordination of On-the-Job training reimbursements.

Motion: Mr. Brown recommends the approval of an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in WIOA funding for the Women in Tech Full Stack Web Developer Training initiative with the City of Miami. Mr. Whitaker seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

Mr. David Gilbert, Director, Human Services, City of Miami was present to answer any questions or concerns regarding the item.

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

6. Approval – The Purchase and Allocation of Florida College Plan Scholarships

Vice Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented the recommendation to purchase Florida Prepaid Scholarships in the amount of \$200,000 in TANF funds and allocating these scholarships to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program.

Motion: Mr. Brown recommends the approval of the purchase of \$200,000 in TANF funds to purchase and allocate said scholarships to the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Program. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

7. Approval – Submit WIOA Opportunity Zone On-the-Job Training Waiver Request

Vice Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a request to submit an On-the-Job Training Waiver Request letter to the Florida Department of Commerce and the State Workforce Board. The goal is to ask them to petition the Secretary of Labor to waive eligibility



requirements for employers located in opportunity zones. This change would enable 100% reimbursement for extraordinary costs associated with training and additional supervision under the On-the-Job Training (OJT) program. Currently, the law allows for a 75% reimbursement. This proposed change aims to support local residents, but will allow employers to continue operations, and potentially expand, within designated opportunity zones.

There was continued discussion around opportunity zones and waiver requests submitted from other states.

Motion: Mr. Whitaker recommends the approval to submit an On-the-Job Training Waiver Request letter to the Florida Department of Commerce and the State Workforce Board. Ms. Grice seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

8. Approval – Mayor Cava Levine’s 2025 Summer Internship Program

Vice Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith presented the request to allocate an amount not exceeding \$18,000 in WIOA Adult funds to support the Mayor's 2025 Summer Internship Program in connection with Miami-Dade County's We Connect, We Thrive initiative. The program will focus on six areas of concern where there have been identified employment shortages.

There was continued discussion around recruitment methods, residency requirements, and possible stipulations associated with candidate selections.

The program will launch on March 1, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Whitaker recommends the approval to allocate an amount not exceeding \$18,000 in WIOA Adult funds for the Mayor’s 2025 Summer Internship Program. Ms. Palacios seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

9. Approval – SFWIB Executive Director Signatory Authority

Vice Chairman Loynaz introduced the item; Mr. Beasley shared that Miami-Dade County Ordinance #24-61, which facilitated the re-establishment of the SFWIB as a single-county workforce board, does not specifically designate the Executive Director and Operating Officer of the Board to execute agreements, contracts, and other operational directives on behalf of the Board.



To ensure clarity and operational efficiency, staff, in conjunction with legal counsel, recommends that the Board formally adopt a resolution, retroactive to June 18, 2024, granting the Executive Director the authority to execute agreements, contracts, and other operational directives necessary to fulfill the Board's mission.

Motion: Mr. del Valle recommends to the Board approval of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board Resolution granting the Executive Director authority to negotiate, execute agreements, contracts, and other operational directives on behalf of the Board. 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 9:25am.