



## SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE/TIME:** June 26, 2025, 9:30am

**LOCATION:** The Landing at MIA, 5-Star Conference Center  
7415 Corporate Center Drive, Suite H  
(Key Biscayne Room)  
Miami, FL 33126

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Chi called the regular meeting of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board to order at 9:34 AM on June 26, 2025, in the absence of Chairman Gibson and Vice-Chairman del Valle.

**ROLL CALL:** 22 members; 12 required; 16 present: Quorum

<b>SFWIB Members Present</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brecheisen, Bruce</li> <li>2. Bridges, Jeff (Zoom)</li> <li>3. Chi, Joe</li> <li>4. Datorre, Roberto</li> <li>5. Ferradaz, Gilda</li> <li>6. Garza, Eddie</li> <li>7. Glean-Jones, Camela (Zoom)</li> <li>8. Grice, Sonia (Zoom)</li> <li>9. Loynaz, Oscar, MD</li> <li>10. Mantilla, Rene'</li> <li>11. Palacios, Carol (Zoom)</li> <li>12. Perez, Andy (Zoom)</li> <li>13. Pintado, Kirenica (Zoom)</li> <li>14. Rod, Denis</li> <li>15. Rolle, Andrei</li> <li>16. Scott, Jr., Kenneth</li> </ol>	<b>SFWIB Members Absent</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Clayton, Lovey</li> <li>18. Whitaker, David</li> </ol> <b>SFWIB Members Excused</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. Brown, Clarence</li> <li>20. Canales, Dequasia</li> <li>21. del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice Chair</li> <li>22. Gibson, Charles, Chair</li> </ol>	<b>SFWIB Staff</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beasley, Rick</li> <li>2. Bennett, Renee</li> <li>3. Morgan, Ebony</li> <li>4. Parson, Robert</li> <li>5. Perrin, Yian</li> <li>6. Petro, Basil</li> <li>7. Smith, Robert</li> <li>8. Vice, Karlisha</li> <li>9. Washington, Jarvis</li> </ol> <b>SFWIB Administration</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Gonzalez, Yoandy</li> <li>11. McFarland, Casandra</li> </ol> <b>Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office</b> Gallo, Melissa
<b>Guest Attendees</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brito, Hilma, Equus Works</li> <li>2. Grisby, Christine, Equus Works</li> <li>3. Gutierrez, Maria, Miami-Dade County Public Schools</li> <li>4. Lanuza, Ivania, Miami-Dade County Public Schools</li> <li>5. Mitchell, Carlena, Miami-Dade County Public Schools</li> <li>6. Perez-Borroto, Connie, Youth Co-Op, Inc. (Zoom)</li> <li>7. Soto, Francisco, Equus Works</li> </ol>		

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## **2. Public Comments**

*Public comments should be two minutes or less.*

The Executive Office has not received any requests to speak.

Mr. Chi opened the floor for comments from the public. None were presented.

Item closed.

## **4A. Executive Directors Report**

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley provided an overview of the following items in the Executive Director's Report:

### **Federal – Make America Skilled Again (MASA)**

President Trump's budget proposes merging 11 distinct national workforce programs into a single funding stream called the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. Mr. Beasley provided a brief overview of the reasons behind this proposed grant, the potential implications of implementing this change, and the national efforts to oppose it.

- Goal: streamline service delivery, reduce administrative burden, and expand workforce training access, especially via credit for prior learning.
- Significant proposed funding cuts: workforce funding drops from **\$4.75B to \$2.86B**; adult education and Perkins programs affected.
- Expansion of apprenticeship and vocational programs proposed, but with no additional funding attached.
- National organizations and local chambers sent letters opposing funding cuts; lobbying efforts ongoing to restore funding.

No questions or comments were presented. Item closed.



## 5. Presentation – “The Future of Work”- Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity: Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley outlined the purpose of the presentation and introduced Mr. Rene Matilla as the presenter. Mr. Mantilla discussed:

- Miami-Dade College designs talent pipeline programs with direct industry input.
- Focus on equitable access, targeting marginalized and underserved communities.
- 19 state-approved Integrated Education and Training (IET) programs allow concurrent enrollment in language/basic skills and CTE programs;
- Seven registered apprenticeships and four pre-apprenticeship programs developed in last three years; all tuition-free, no student debt.
- Dual enrollment program tripled student participation in three years, engaging high school students in technical education.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

## 6. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Chi introduced the following consent agenda items for review:

- 6A: Approval - SFWIB Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2025

**Motion:** Mr. Kenneth Scott Jr. to approve SFWIB Meeting Minutes – April 17 2025 as so presented. Dr. Denis Rod seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

## 7. SFWIB Executive Committee Update

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the following updates from the May 8, 2025 and June 12, 2025 SFWIB Executive Committee Meetings:

### **May 8, 2025**

- Florida Commerce Program Monitoring Update
- The Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade and Monroe County and the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice at Nova



Southeastern University confirmed the establishment of a Child Development Program Articulation Agreement for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

- President Trump's Executive Order-Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trades
- Draft of Career Source Florida 2025-2026 In-State Allocations
- **Items for Approval:** Related Party Training Vendors and The City of Opa-Locka, City of Homestead, and City of Miami Gardens Summer Youth Employment Programs

#### **June 12, 2025**

- Make Americans Skilled Again Block Grant WIOA Performance Analysis
- Florida House Bill 827 Statewide Study on Automation and Workforce Impact Florida
- U.S. House Budget Reconciliation Bill for Workforce Development and Economic Mobility
- **Items of Approval:** Youth Out of School and In School Workforce Services Providers, American Job Center Workforce Services Providers, SFWIB PY'2025-2026 ITA Waiver Request, SFWIB Program Year 2025-2026 Budget

#### **8. SFWIB Finance and Efficiency Council Update**

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Scott provided an overview of the topics discussed during today's SFWIB Finance and Efficiency Council Meeting. Council members reviewed the April 2025 financial report, noting that expenditures in all five areas remain below projections:

- Adult Services: 21.3% lower
- Youth Services: 17.7% lower
- Facilities: 14.6% lower
- Other Headquarters: 5.5% lower
- Other Programs and Projects: 6.6% lower

The Council also reviewed the April 2025 Cash Reconciliation Report, which aligned and reaffirmed the board's strong financial position.

The last informational item was the Florida Commerce Quality Assurance Report. The review identified one finding in the area of Property Management, specifically related to the

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accounting of IT equipment purchases. No material weaknesses or additional issues of noncompliance were noted, though the report notes that it cannot guarantee the absence of other potential issues.

The meeting concluded with confidence in the organization's financial standing and readiness to incorporate the additional funding effectively.

No questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

#### **9. SFWIB Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Update** *(Item #10 on the agenda)*

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Ms. Ferradaz provided an overview of the items discussed and approved during today's Performance Council meeting. The following agenda items will be presented for review, consideration, and approval during the Action Items section of the agenda:

- New Apprenticeship Program: American Institute of Certified Public Accounts Apprenticeship Program – Finance Business Partner Program
- New Training Provider with Program and New Programs for an Existing Provider
  - Coding Clarified LLC was recommended for approval of a new Professional Medical Coding Curriculum program.
  - Miami Dade College is being recommended for the addition of two new programs: Commercial Vehicle Driving program and a Commercial Class B driving program

No questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

#### **10. SFWIB Performance Council Update**

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Mantilla provided an overview of the items discussed during today's SFWIB Performance Council meeting, including:

- WIOA Performance Update
- Youth Program Performance
- Consumer Report Card

There are two Performance Council agenda items up for approval today:

- American Job Center Schedule of Operations
- Revisions to the Workforce Services Balanced Scorecard



No questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

## 11. Action Items

Mr. Chi introduced agenda items 11A–11E, allowing CSSF staff to review each item with the members and address any questions presented.

### 11A. Approval – Related Party Training Vendors

*[Mr. Beasley announced the removal of Dr. Oscar Loynaz, Mr. Rene' Mantilla, from the room in preparation for the discussion and vote for item 11D. Mr. Andy Perez and Ms. Carol Palacios were placed on hold via Zoom. There is no specific dollar amount associated with the Training Vendor Agreement, as the final cost is associated with ITA Vouchers submitted. Conflict of Interest/Related Party Forms have been completed by all parties and distributed to all members.]*

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve Training Vendor Agreements with the following Training Vendors that are represented on the board:

- The District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College (MDC)
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS)
- Atlantis University
- The Academy of South Florida

**Motion:** by Mr. Kenneth Scott Jr., to approve the issuance of Training Vendor Agreements for the aforementioned related parties represented on the board. Dr. Denis Rod seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

*[All parties returned to the meeting.]*

### 11B. Approval – New Apprenticeship Training Program

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the recommendation from the Global Talent and Competitive Council to approve the addition of a new Registered Apprenticeship Program, Finance Business Partner, through the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA).



**Motion:** by Ms. Gilda Ferradaz to approve the addition of a new Registered Apprenticeship Program, Finance Business Partner, through the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). Mr. Andrei Rolle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

### **11C. Approval – A New Training Provider and New Programs for an Existing Provider**

*[Mr. Beasley announced a related party item is being presented for board consideration. Dr. Oscar Loynaz was removed from the room prior to the discussion and vote for item 11C. As there is no dollar amount associated with the item, a Conflict of Interest/Related Party Form is not required.]*

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented a recommendation from the Global Talent and Competitive Council to approve the addition of Coding Clarified, LLC, a new training provider, along with their program, Professional Medical Coding. Additionally, GTCC recommends the addition of two new programs to the curriculum at Miami Dade College: Commercial Vehicle Driving and Commercial Class B Driving.

Mr. Beasley explained that this is the final extension before a new request for proposals next year.

**Motion:** by Mr. Kenneth Scott, Jr., to approve the addition of Coding Clarified, LLC and their program, Professional Medical Coding as well as the two Commercial Driving courses being added to Miami Dade College curriculum. Ms. Gilda Ferradaz seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

*[Dr. Loynaz returned to the meeting.]*

### **11D. Approval – 2025-2026 American Job Center Schedule**

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the recommendation from the Performance Council to approve the 2025-2026 Schedule of Operations for the American Job Centers and affiliated Colleges.

- Daily Hours of Operation: 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday
- Holiday Schedule: As outlined in the agenda item.



**Motion:** by Mr. Kenneth Scott, Jr., to approve the PY 2025-2026 American Job Center Schedule of Operations as outlined in the agenda item. Ms. Gilda Ferradaz seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

### **11E: Approval – Revisions to the Balanced Scorecard**

Mr. Chi introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the Performance Council's recommendation to approve the revised Workforce Services Balanced Scorecard for the Program Year 2025-2026. This version places greater emphasis on outcomes rather than process measures and aligns more closely with the goals of the Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act.

**Motion:** Mr. Rene' Mantilla to approve the revised Workforce Services Balanced Scorecard for the Program Year 2025-2026. Mr. Andrei Rolle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

### **New Business**

- Upcoming third graduation for Agape Network training initiative on July 1; board members invited.
- Reminder: Financial disclosures due by July 1; \$25/day late fee after deadline.

### **Next Meeting**

The next SFWIB meeting is scheduled to take place on August 21, 2025. The location is to be determined. Notifications will be forwarded to all members in advance of the session.

Being as there were no further questions or concerns, the SFWIB Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.