SOUTH FLORIDA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE / TIME: June 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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

Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wjgmIoTtSEu4r3ERRDichg

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Del Valle called to order the regular meeting of the South Florida Workforce Investment Board at 9:39am on June 18, 2026, presiding in the absence of Chairman Gibson.

ROLL CALL: 23 members; 12 required; 19 present: Quorum Attained

SFWIB Members Present	SFWIB Members Absent	SFWIB / CSSF Staff
Brecheisen, Bruce Bridges, Jeff Brown, Clarence Canales, Dequasia (Zoom) Chi, Joe Clayton, Lovey Datorre, Roberto (Zoom) Del Valle, Juan-Carlos, Vice Chairman Ferradaz, Gilda Garza, Edward Glean-Jones, Camela Mantilla, Renee' (Zoom) Palacios, Carol (Zoom) Perez, Andres "Andy" (Zoom) Pintado, Kirenia	None **SFWIB Members Excused** Gibson, Charles, Chairman Grice, Sonia Pino, Pablo Whitaker, David	Beasley, Rick Bennett, Renee Morgan, Ebony Perrin, Yian Parson, Robert Petro, Basil Washington, Jarvis **Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office** Gallo, Melissa

SFWIB Members Present	SFWIB Members Absent	SFWIB / CSSF Staff
Rod, Denis Rolle, Andrei Scott, Kenneth Vasquez, Fermin		
Guest Attendees		
Borno, Jean, Anthony Brunson, P.A. Brunson, Anthony, Anthony Brunson, P.A. Emily Cabrec, Richard P. Hall Eagles Foundation, Inc. LaTessa Dotson Hall, Richard P. Hall Eagles Foundation, Inc.		

Agenda items are recorded in the order they were discussed.

2. Public Comment

Public comments should be two minutes or less.

Vice Chairman Del Valle opened the floor for public comment. None were presented. The item was closed.

4. Executive Director's Report

4A. Executive Director Update

Vice Chairman Del Valle introduced the item; Mr. Beasley presented the Executive Director's update to the Board.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

4B. Community Presentation

At the recommendation of SFWIB member Mr. Rene Mantilla and the Executive Committee, Ms. LaTessa Dotson Hall, Executive Director of the Richard P. Hall Eagles Foundation, Inc., joined by Ms. Emily Cabrec of the Foundation, presented information about the upcoming Homestead Eagles Soar Aviation and STEM Expo.

The two-day educational expo, scheduled for December 11-12, 2026, at the Homestead-Miami Speedway, is designed to emphasize career exploration and innovation and to unite students, families, and industry professionals in an interactive environment focused on the fields of aviation and technology. This was an informational item; no action was taken.

5. Consent Agenda Items

Vice Chairman Del Valle announced the consent agenda items and invited members to pull any item for separate discussion. The consent agenda comprised the following items, which were considered together:

- 5A: Approval of the April 16, 2026 SFWIB Meeting Minutes.
- 5B: Approval to accept an additional $450,000 in Workforce System Funding (NFA #046129, TANF), bringing the total award to $9,353,947.
- 5C: Approval to authorize staff to renew the existing PY 2026-2027 Workforce Services contractors (Arbor E&T, LLC and Youth Co-Op), as set forth in the agenda item.
- 5D: Approval to authorize staff to renew the existing PY 2026-2027 Youth Services contractors (Adults Mankind Organization, Community Coalition, and Youth Co-Op), as set forth in the agenda item.
- 5E: Approval of the PY 2026-2027 American Job Center Schedule of Operations.

Motion: by Mr. Brecheisen to approve the consent agenda items (5A through 5E) as presented. Mr. Garza seconded the motion; **the items are passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

6. Executive Committee Update

Vice Chairman Del Valle introduced the item; a summary of items discussed and approved at the May 14, 2026 and June 11, 2026 SFWIB Executive Committee meetings was presented, covering new training opportunities, federal and state policy developments, WIOA funding and enrollment trends, and items requiring the full Board's attention.

Training Opportunities

- The Fiber Optics Installer program with Miami Dade College, developed in response to hiring demand from MasTec and the broader fiber optics industry, launched its first cohort of nine participants. Approximately $47,300 of the original $86,000 set aside for twenty slots remains, and staff are standing up a second cohort.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

- Florida received $706,429 to administer the program statewide this fiscal year. The federal credit ranges from $2,400 to $9,600 per qualifying hire from targeted groups

such as veterans, SNAP recipients, the long-term unemployed, and people with disabilities. Congress has not yet reauthorized the program for hires on or after January 1, so certification requests can be prepared but not finalized until reauthorization occurs.

PY 2026 WIOA Allocations

- FloridaCommerce issued the PY 2026 WIOA allocations, totaling $12.19 million for CareerSource South Florida, a net increase of approximately $453,000 over the prior year. Adult and Youth funding increased, while Dislocated Worker funding decreased nearly 15% and Wagner-Peyser and TANF were reduced. Staff noted concern that the funding formula may not reflect the needs of a high-cost, high-need region such as Miami-Dade.

Federal and State Policy

- H.R. 8210, the A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026 (WIOA reauthorization), advanced from committee on a party-line vote. Staff concerns include a proposed 50% training-spending mandate, a reduction in locally controlled formula funding from 85% to 75% through a larger Governor's Reserve, potential disruption to adult education partnerships, no meaningful funding increase, and additional reporting requirements without added resources.
- The final rule for the new Workforce Pell Grant will, for the first time, extend Pell to shorter-term, high-quality training (8 to 15 weeks and 150 to 599 clock hours) from accredited institutions, with early implementation beginning July 1. Staff identified a local role in advising participants and employers, matching eligible training to regional needs, coordinating with the American Job Centers, and tracking outcomes.
- The state Special Legislative Session is shaping the 2026-2027 budget, with proposals ranging from $117.4 billion (Governor) to $115.0 billion (Senate) to $113.6 billion (House). While WIOA is not funded directly through the state budget, related items include state-funded workforce programs, a proposed $50 million Hometown Heroes housing allocation, potential Medicaid-reimbursement healthcare impacts, and future discretionary grant or set-aside dollars.

Allocation, Enrollment, and Placement Trends

- Staff reviewed five years of allocation, enrollment, and placement data with a projection for the coming year. Enrollment peaked at 21,466 participants in 2024-2025 and declined to 12,330 in the past year, attributed to lingering COVID disruption and the 2025 rollback of work authorization for certain immigrant populations. The region remained more cost-efficient than the statewide benchmark.
- For 2026-2027, staff recommended management responses including an enrollment recovery target above the allocation-driven baseline, rebuilding Wagner-Peyser

through outreach and co-enrollment, expanded outreach to alternative eligible populations in high-unemployment areas, rebuilt youth referral pipelines, strengthened Rapid Response and UI claimant outreach for Dislocated Worker enrollment, and a monthly performance dashboard.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

7. Finance and Efficiency Council Update

Vice Chairman Del Valle introduced the item; FEC Chairman, Mr. Scott, provided a summary of the Finance and Efficiency Council's June 18, 2026 meeting.

Financial Review (July 2025 – April 2026)

- The unaudited financials reflect expenditures of approximately 63.5% of the ten-month projection, below the 83% planned, with the variance largely attributable to the timing of spending. All five major cost categories came in below projection, and the unrestricted fund balance stands at $384,215.

Bank Reconciliations

- The April and May 2026 cash reconciliations for the General Operating Account both reconciled cleanly with no differences and were prepared and approved in line with FloridaCommerce internal control requirements.

Fiscal Monitoring

- The Office of Continuous Improvement reviewed one provider, Adults Mankind Organization, across three youth contracts totaling just over $2.1 million. No costs were disallowed and there were no repeat findings. Three administrative items were identified to tighten: the timing of E-Verify checks, prompt removal of system access upon staff separation, and written notice of staffing changes as required by contract.

Recommendations to the Board (Action Items)

- Acceptance of an additional $450,000 in workforce funding from FloridaCommerce, raising the region's TANF award from approximately $8.9 million to $9.35 million.
- Selection of Anthony Brunson, P.A. as the Board's new external independent audit firm, authorizing staff to begin contract negotiations. Staff issued the request for qualifications in February, held an offerors conference in April, and received one proposal by the May 5 deadline.

- Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, totaling $37.6 million (approximately $5.6 million less than the current year), including a $37.3 million program budget and a $306,994 reserve for PY 2027-2028, and reflecting a $1.9 million decrease in new state funding across major programs.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

8. Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Update

Vice Chairman Del Valle introduced the item; Ms. Ferradaz, Chairwoman of GTCC, provided an overview of the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council's June 18, 2026 meeting.

Program Delivery Updates

- Miami Dade College's Commercial Driver License training, originally approved in June 2025, has been enhanced from 120 to 160 total hours with added simulator-based instruction, at no increase in program cost.

- Hollywood Career Institute's Home Health Aide program, approved in April 2024 as an in-person offering, has expanded to online and hybrid delivery, with distance-learning approval from the Commission for Independent Education and updated FloridaCommerce records; curriculum, competencies, assessment methods, and support services remain unchanged.

Recommendations to the Board (Action Items)

- Addition of SOC Code 47-4099, Construction and Related Workers, All Other, to the regional Demand Occupations List for WDA 23, supporting the Construction Operations program offered by OIC of South Florida.

- A new Archive and Disposal of Closed Participant Files Policy (Policy 200-8) establishing a standardized, agency-wide framework for the retention, storage, and certified destruction of participant records.

- A new Indirect Cost Rate Policy (POL 500-2) introducing an interim 10% cap on subrecipient indirect cost rates, consistent with current state guidance, with documentation and monitoring requirements.

- An allocation of up to $120,000 in WIOA funds for a new training cohort under the Barrington Irving Aviation Workforce Development Program.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed

9. Performance Council Update

Vice Chairman Del Valle introduced the item; Ms. Canales, PC Chairman, presented a summary of the Performance Council's June 18, 2026 meeting.

WIOA Common Measures (through May 31, 2026)

- CSSF met or exceeded most of its 18 federal indicators across all four quarters. The largest recurring gap is the Wagner-Peyser Entered Employment Rate, with smaller gaps in the Adult Entered Employment Rate and certain youth and dislocated worker measures. The tracking tool is following 1,336 cases, including 202 individuals employed but not yet exited, with staff closing gaps through tighter follow-up, monthly case updates, Work Number verification, and technical assistance.

Job Placements

- Year-to-date placements total 6,096, up 3.18% over the prior year. Three of seven centers met the 65% performance standard, and Hialeah Downtown was the only center to reach its placement goal. Staff are responding to staffing shortages at lower-performing centers with quarterly performance reports, provider corrective action plans, focus groups, and new policies.

Third-Quarter Performance

- CSSF met or exceeded all 18 federally negotiated measures across Adults, Dislocated Workers, Youth, and Wagner-Peyser, including Adult credential attainment at 162% of goal, measurable skill gains at 359%, Dislocated Worker fourth-quarter employment at 118%, and Youth median earnings at 157%.

Youth Services

- Enrollment is strong, with In-School at 52 (target 50) and Out-of-School at 495 (target 390); however, credential attainment is below the 90% standard at 27% (In-School) and 34% (Out-of-School), and skill gains are under standard. Providers are building corrective action plans in response to recent audit findings and meeting monthly on performance.

Consumer Report Card

- Of 158 participants placed in classroom training, 147 completed and 46 obtained unsubsidized jobs at an average wage of $19.35 per hour, with 27 of the 46 employed in fields tied to their training. The training generated approximately $1.85 million in regional wages, a return of $10.85 for every dollar invested. Staff are monitoring the gap between completions and placements, driven by certification failures, geographic mismatches, and commuting and wage barriers.

Recommendations to the Board (Action Items)

- PY 2026-2027 Workforce Services Contractor Renewals: renewal of Arbor E&T, LLC (Hialeah Downtown) and Youth Co-Op (Little Havana and West Dade); conditional short-term renewals from July 1 through November 30, 2026 for the Carol City, North Miami Beach, Northside, and Perrine centers while a competitive RFP process runs in parallel, with first-quarter measurement against the Board's No Fail Measures determining conversion to full-year renewals through June 30, 2027.

- PY 2026-2027 Youth Services Contractor Renewals: renewal of Adults Mankind, Community Coalition, and Youth Co-Op, with In-School and Out-of-School services continuing as applicable, contingent on funding availability.

- PY 2026-2027 American Job Center Schedule of Operations: consistent hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, across all CareerSource South Florida centers, with an aligned holiday schedule.

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

10. Action Items

Vice Chairman Del Valle introduced the action items. Prior to discussion and vote, Mr. Andy Perez and Mr. Vasquez were removed from the discussion and vote on the action items due to a conflict of interest. The following action items were considered together:

- 10A: Approval of the FY 2026-2027 SFWIB Budget, as recommended by the Finance and Efficiency Council.
- 10B: Approval to authorize staff to negotiate a contract for external independent auditing services with Anthony Brunson, P.A., as recommended by the Finance and Efficiency Council and the Executive Committee.

- 10C: Approval of Related Party Training Vendor Agreements with training vendors represented on the Board (The District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and The Academy of South Florida).
- 10D: Approval of an addition to the 2025-2026 Targeted Occupation List (SOC Code 47-4099, Construction and Related Workers, All Other, for OIC of South Florida).
- 10E: Approval of a new Indirect Cost Rate Policy (POL 500-2).
- 10F: Approval of a new Archived Records Policy (Archive and Disposal of Closed Participant Files Policy, Policy 200-8).

Motion: by Mr. Chi to approve Action Items 10A through 10F together, as presented. Mr. Bridges seconded the motion; **the items are passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.