



ONLINE ZOOM ONLY MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025
8:45 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of GTC Council Meeting Minutes
 - A. June 26, 2025
4. Recommendation as to Approval of a new a Training Provider and Associated Programs
5. Recommendation as to Approval of Business Intermediary Contracts
6. Recommendation as to Approval of the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program

"Members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a specific agenda item, but must register with the agenda clerk prior to being heard."



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

DATE: 8/21/2025

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: **INFORMATIONAL**

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

STRATEGIC GOAL: **STRONG WORKFORCE SYSTEM LEADERSHIP**

STRATEGIC PROJECT: **National leader in an ROI-focused enterprise**

BACKGROUND:

N/A

FUNDING: N/A

PERFORMANCE: N/A

NO ATTACHMENT



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

DATE: 8/21/2025

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: **APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDATION: SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Committee to approve minutes from the GTCC meeting on June 26, 2025, as set forth below.

STRATEGIC GOAL: **STRONG WORKFORCE SYSTEM LEADERSHIP**

STRATEGIC PROJECT: **Strengthen workforce system accountability**

BACKGROUND:

N/A

FUNDING: N/A

PERFORMANCE: N/A

ATTACHMENT



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT & COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 8/21/2025

AGENDA ITEM: 3A

AGENDA TOPIC: MEETING MINUTES

SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT & COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: June 26, 2025, 8:45AM

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

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoomurl/tZapcuCuqDoiHdfQcKvvSUWUz1vGZLiStRim>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Ferradaz called to order the regular scheduled meeting of the SFWIB Global Talent and Competiveness Council on June 26, 2025 at 8:49 am.
- 2. ROLL CALL:** 8 members; 5 required; 5 present: Quorum Achieved

SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS PRESENT	SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS ABSENT	SFWIB STAFF
Brecheisen, Bruce Del Valle, Juan-Carlos (Zoom) Ferradaz, Gilda, Chair Loynaz, Oscar M.D., Vice-Chair Palacios, Carol (Zoom)	Grice, Sonia Whitaker, David SFWIB GTCC MEMBERS EXCUSED Brown, Clarence	Parson, Robert Smith, Robert Vice, Karlisha
OTHER ATTENDEES		
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.

Chairwoman Ferradaz opened the floor for comments from the public. No requests to speak were received by the Executive Office.

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

3A. Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2025

Chairwoman Ferradaz presented the April 17, 2025 Global Talent and Competitiveness Council Meeting minutes for consideration before entertaining a motion.

Motion: Dr. Loynaz to approve GTCC meeting minutes for April 17, 2025. Mr. Brecheisen seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

There was a discussion about a change in the minutes from the original version circulated to the Council a week prior to the meeting. Chairwoman Ferradaz advised that she submitted a request to the Executive Office to amend the minutes. As a result, the minutes included in today's agenda packet differ from those sent out last week.

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

4. Approval – New Apprenticeship Programs

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith CSSF presented a new apprenticeship program offered by the American Institute of CPAs, designed to prepare participants for strategic roles in financial management. The program aims to equip participants with skills in cost analysis, budgeting, financial reporting, and planning, among others.

Mr. Smith further explained that the program is part of a broader initiative to utilize prior learning assessments (PLAs) and apprenticeships to help advance individuals in the workforce. The discussion raised questions about the program's target audience, the specific certification awarded upon completion, and how it aligns with existing educational and professional requirements for CPAs. Concerns were expressed regarding whether the certification and apprenticeship would adequately prepare participants for financial leadership roles. Mr. Smith acknowledged the gap between current job qualifications and the proposed changes to



educational and experience requirements, as well as the uncertainty that new programs like the proposed apprenticeship may introduce.

Chairwoman Ferradaz inquired about the type of certification participants would receive. Mr. Smith stated that although he did not have the certification information on hand, he committed to providing detailed information about both the certification and the program following the meeting.

Motion: Dr. Loynaz recommends the approval of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Finance Business Partner Apprenticeship program as presented. Mr. del Valle seconded the motion; **item is passed without dissent.**

No further questions or comments were presented. Item closed.

5. Approval – New Training Provider and New Programs for An Existing Provider

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item; Mr. Smith introduced Coding Clarified, LLC as a new training provider that will offer the Professional Medical Coding Program. Additionally, Miami Dade College aims to expand its course offerings by adding the Commercial Vehicle Driving and Commercial Class B Driving programs.

Motion: Mr. Brecheisen recommends approving Coding Clarified, LLC as a new training provider along with their Medical Coding program. Additionally, the motion approves the addition of the Commercial Vehicle Driving and Commercial Class B Driving programs for Miami Dade College. Mr. del Valle 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 9:15am.



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

DATE: 08/21/2025

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: NEW TRAINING PROVIDER WITH ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS.

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: **APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDATION: SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council to recommend to the Board the approval of a new training provider and their associated programs, as set forth below.

STRATEGIC GOAL: **BUILD DEMAND-DRIVEN SYSTEM W/ EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT**

STRATEGIC PROJECT: **Improve credential outcomes for job seekers**

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Section 122 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, regional workforce boards are permitted to independently develop criteria for the selection and subsequent eligibility of training providers and programs. The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) developed processes to evaluate an applicant's programmatic capabilities.

SFWIB staff completed the review process and recommends to the Council to approve the following new training program.

Request to be added as a new training provider and programs:

1. Metropolitan Trucking & Technical Institute
 - CDL 120-Hours Advanced Tractor-Trailer Driver
 - CDL 130-Hours Passenger-Transportation and Straight Truck Driver
 - CDL 160-Hours Professional Passenger-Transportation and Tractor-Trailer Driver
 - CDL 184-Hours Industry Standard Tractor Trailer Driver
 - CDL 360-Hours Professional Solo Tractor-Trailer Driver
 - CDL 50-Hours Comprehensive Tractor-Trailer Driver
 - CDL 80-Hours Straight Truck Driver
 - CDL 80-Hours Bus Driver
 - CDL 80-Hours Intermediate Tractor-Trailer Driver

These programs provide comprehensive training for individuals seeking careers in commercial truck and bus driving. They address both practical and theoretical components of commercial driving to meet industry licensure and safety requirements.

FUNDING:

PERFORMANCE: N/A

NO ATTACHMENT



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

DATE: 8/21/2025

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: BUSINESS INTERMEDIARY CONTRACT RENEWALS

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: **APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDATION: SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council to recommend to the Board the approval to allocate an amount not to exceed \$552,500 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker funding to continue Rapid Response & Layoff Aversion projects, as set forth below.

STRATEGIC GOAL: **BUILD DEMAND-DRIVEN SYSTEM W/ EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT**

STRATEGIC PROJECT: **Develop integrated Business Service teams**

BACKGROUND:

The South Florida Workforce Investment Board (SFWIB) approved an amount not to exceed \$650,000 in Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker funding to continue the Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion projects with The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC), The Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (M-DCC), Cámara de Comercio Latina de los Estados Unidos, Inc. (CAMACOL), Florida Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (FMSDC), The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and The Beacon Council Economic Development Foundation, Inc.

Subsequently, due to the success of the initiative, SFWIB staff is recommending the renew of these contracts to continue the Rapid Response & Layoff Aversion projects with the five aforementioned economic development organizations that served as business intermediaries on behalf of the SFWIB, as well as, an extension of the regional Rapid Response team to provide assistance to businesses who are implementing layoffs or plant closings. The services provided are specific only to businesses and does not involve the customary workforce services.

The following chart provides the requested allocations for the Business Intermediaries:

BUSINESS INTERMEDIARIES	ALLOCATION
Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	\$106,250
CAMACOL, Inc.	\$106,250
Florida Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.	\$63,750
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.	\$127,500
South Florida Hispanic Chamber	\$63,750
Beacon Council Economic Development Fondation, Inc.	\$85,000

FUNDING: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker

PERFORMANCE: N/A

NO ATTACHMENT



SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL

DATE: 8/21/2025

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 6

AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: **APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDATION: SFWIB staff recommends to the Global Talent and Competitiveness Council to recommend to the Board the approval to allocate an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds to Big Brother Big Sisters of Miami, Inc. for Take Stock in Children (TSIC) administration, as set forth below.

STRATEGIC GOAL: **DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

STRATEGIC PROJECT: **Joint contribution for youth career pathway models**

BACKGROUND:

On June 15, 2023, the SFWIB Global Talent and Competitiveness Council approved a \$1.4 million allocation of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to purchase 186 Florida Prepaid College Plan scholarships for the Take Stock in Children (TSIC) program. However, this allocation did not include administrative costs for the program.

Take Stock in Children, Inc. is dedicated to supporting economically disadvantaged youth and their families, with a primary mission of keeping youth in school and offering scholarships to those who successfully complete high school.

Previously, TSIC managed the scholarship program independently. However, in July 2018, TSIC entered into a collaborative partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami, Inc. (BBBS-Miami) through a lead agency agreement. BBBS-Miami now serves as the administrator and fiscal agent for all agencies allocated scholarships. They will provide management and administrative services on behalf of TSIC for the Florida Prepaid College Plans purchased by the SFWIB.

There are a total of eight participating agencies. Each agency is responsible for program implementation and case management, working collaboratively to keep youth in school and provide scholarships to those who successfully complete high school. Additionally, these agencies offer educational, social, and mentoring services to at-risk youth who are less likely to enroll in post-secondary education. To ensure comprehensive support, youth will participate in dual activities with both the respective agencies and BBBS-Miami, receiving multiple services from each.

In following the procurement process of Miami-Dade County, Administrative Order No.:3-38, it is recommended that the SFWIB waive the competitive procurement as it is recommended by the Executive Director that this is in the best interests of the SFWIB. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the quorum present is required to waive the competitive procurement process and award an allocation not to exceed \$300,000 in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funding to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami, Inc. for the programmatic and administrative cost of the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program.

FUNDING: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

PERFORMANCE: N/A

NO ATTACHMENT