



**SFWIB GLOBAL TALENT AND COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2B**

**DATE: June 23, 2016 at 8:00AM**

**AGENDA ITEM SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES**

April 21, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.  
 Doubletree Hotel – Convention Center  
 711 N.W 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 Miami, FL 33126

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>SFWIB STAFF</b>	<b>OTHER ATTENDEES (AUDIENCE)</b>
1. Ferradaz, Gilda– <i>Chairwoman</i> 2. Carlos, <i>Vice-Chairman</i> Brecheisen, Bruce 3. del Valle, Juan 4. Piedra, Obdulio 5. Roth, Thomas	Beasley, Rick Gomez, Maria Kavehershi, Cheri Smith, Robert	Antones, Denyse – <i>Florida Vocational Institute</i> Flores, Oscar - <i>CompuMed</i> Gillodey, Maria – <i>Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)</i> Girnun, Arnie – <i>New Horizons, Inc.</i>
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE</b> 6. Brown, Clarence 7. Boilini, Gina 8. Gazitua, Luis 9. Ludwig, Philipp 10. Russo, Monica 11. West, Alvin		Quiros, Vivian – <i>Sullivan &amp; Cogliano, Inc.</i>

Agenda items are displayed in the order they were discussed.

**1. Call to Order**

SFWIB Chairman Piedra called the meeting to order at 8:30am on behalf of absent Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz. He began with introductions and noted that a quorum had not been achieved.

**3. Information – Local Plan Presentation**

Chairwoman Gilda Ferradaz introduced the item and SFWIB Adults Program Supervisor Robert Smith presented the Local Plan.

SFWIB Chairman Piedra inquired about the areas of greatest needs. He suggested staff include information on migrant population in the local plan. Mr. Smith responded that the numbers are growing in both Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. He stated one of the challenges is identifying qualified local training vendors that would offer English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) classes in the Keys.

Chairman Piedra inquired about the term, “foreign born.” Mr. Beasley briefly explained that this region defines it as “refugee population.” Ms. Ferradaz added the term “influx.” Chairman Piedra recommended this information be covered in the local plan as well. Finally, he commended Mr. Smith on his presentation.

**4. Recommendation as to Approval of a TechHire Initiative for Overtown**

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and SFWIB Business Services Manager Cheri Kavehersi further presented. Arnie Girnun of New Horizon’s, Inc. appeared before the Council and presented the TechHire for Overtown initiative.

Chairman Piedra asked whether there would be more TechHire initiatives to come.

Mr. Girnun responded that this is the beginning of a TechHire Initiative. He provided further details regarding the \$3.4 million grant.

Chairman Piedra added that this region is the only in the Country to partner with TechHire.

Mr. Roth inquired about match of funds and Mr. Girnun explained the goal of leveraging local matching dollars.

Chairman Piedra added that the purpose of this initiative is to build a talent pool for tech companies.

Mr. Roth asked could this program potentially survive without the grant, but with CSSF’s potential commitment of \$98,470. Mr. Girnun responded, “Yes.” Mr. Roth further asked if Miami Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) would be charged with the selection of students and whether the recruitment will consist of those residing in the overtown area. Mr. Girnun responded. “Yes.” Mr. Roth additionally inquired about the location of tech jobs that would be offered to the 18 students. Mr. Girnun responded that they could be anywhere within a ten mile radius.

Mr. del Valle asked whether matched funds would be received by CRA. Mr. Girnun and Executive Director responded, “Yes.” Ms. Ferradaz asked whether if there would be additional students recruited. Mr. Beasley responded, “No” then provided details.

**The consensus of the members present moved the approval of this item for recommendation to the full board.**

**5. Recommendation as to Approval of New Programs for Existing Training Vendors**

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item and Ms. Kavehersi further presented.

Chairwoman Ferradaz verified whether if the request is to only add additional programs. Chairman Piedra also verified whether if they are existing schools. He also wanted to know whether if the schools are in compliance with required performances (completion and placement rates). Both Ms. Kavehersi and SFWIB Support Services Supervisor Maria Gomez responded, "Yes."

**The consensus of the members present moved the approval of this item for recommendation to the full Board.**

**Added-on Item:**

**6. Recommendation as to Approval of City Year Miami Program**

Chairwoman Ferradaz introduced the item. Ms. Kavehersi briefly discussed and Mr. Beasley further presented.

Chairman Piedra requested additional information on contract approval and Mr. Beasley explained.

Chairwoman Ferradaz asked if this is a contracted program or operated as a pilot project. Mr. Beasley responded it is currently operating as a pilot project. He later provided details on the process of waiving the competitive procurement process.

Vice-Chairman del Valle offered his assistance in reaching out to staff at Miami-Dade County Public schools (M-DCPS) in reference to this program. Mr. Beasley noted that SFWIB Youth Programs Manager, Tomara Graham has also been working with staff at M-DCPS.

Chairwoman Ferradaz noted into record a scrivener's error on second page of this item. She noted the item should read ... "waive the competitive procurement process."

**The consensus of the members present moved the approval of this item for recommendation to the full Board.**

**Deferred Item(s):**

**2. Approval of Global Talent Competitiveness Council Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2016**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:18am.