

FINAL MINUTES
PALM BEACH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM MEETING
February 8, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Gregg Weiss welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

Commissioner Gregg Weiss, Local Chief Elected Official, Palm Beach County
Mayor Keith James, city of West Palm Beach
Mayor Joe Kyles, city of South Bay
Mayor Chelsea Reed, city of Palm Beach Gardens
Mayor Shelly Petrolia, city of Delray Beach

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

- a. Proposed Amendments: None.
- b. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Weiss requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Mayor James
Second: Mayor Kyles
The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

IV. CHAIR'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Gregg Weiss welcomed attendees and wished them well.

V. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

- a. Minutes from October 20, 2023: Commissioner Weiss asked the board to review the minutes and after reviewing them, advise if they wished to make any corrections. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Mayor Kyles
Second: Mayor James
The motion passed unanimously.

Consent items b., c., and d. were presented individually as described in the Consortium board agenda packet. After each item was presented Commissioner Weiss asked if there was any comments or questions. Hearing none, a motion was made to then approve each item.

- b. Approval to Execute Subrecipient Agreement for the Provision of One-Stop Operator Services with CareerSource Palm Beach County, Inc. The Board was advised the state extended the contract term from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Commissioner Weiss requested a motion to approve the agreement through June 30, 2027 in lieu of June 30, 2026.

Motion: Mayor Kyles
Second: Mayor Reed
The motion passed unanimously.

- c. CareerSource Palm Beach County, Inc. Amended Bylaws

Motion: Mayor Reed
Second: Mayor Petrolia
The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Approval of Subsequent Designation of Region 21, Palm Beach County as the Designated Local Workforce Development Area

Motion: Mayor Kyles
Second: Mayor James
The motion passed unanimously.

VI. INFORMATIONAL

- a. President & CEO Update (Julia Dattolo): The local and state economic data was presented. Palm Beach County's unemployment rate remains low at 3.0% with record high employment of 691,700 jobs. Education and health service jobs have increased 3,900 and leisure and hospitality jobs are up 3,300. The West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach metro area had the second highest job growth in the state in the construction industry. Palm Beach County's average wage rate is the highest in the state at \$71,297. Florida's wage rate is \$63,781. Florida ranks #1 in talent attraction with Palm Beach County ranked #23 in the nation for talent development. The demographic data, income and the number of participants served by CareerSource Palm Beach County's WIOA Adult (323), Dislocated Worker (65) and Youth and Young Adult (294) programs was discussed. The first two components of CareerSource Florida's transformation plan alignment and consolidation, which does not include Palm Beach County, and system wide improvements is near completion. The third component of the plan regional planning has begun. CareerSource Palm Beach County is the first workforce board in the southeast region of the state to begin regional planning by partnering with bordering Region 21 that includes the counties of Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River, for the purpose of optimizing opportunities for regional economic growth. New state legislation requires an increased partnership between the Florida Department of Commerce and CareerSource Florida, Inc. to meet local industry demands, the standardization of tools and services and the creation of an Education and Industry Consortium to be convened by each local workforce board with leaders who provide independent information from stakeholders in the community. CareerSource Palm Beach County convened its first meeting of the Education and Industry Consortium of the Palm Beaches where information was exchanged and an action plan developed that addresses the shortage of healthcare workers. The board discussed the impact of AI on the workforce and what CareerSource Palm Beach County has done and continues to do to address its effects.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Weiss asked Consortium members if there was any further business of the Consortium, being none, Commissioner Weiss adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m. The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2024 (tentatively).