

Minutes
CareerSource Northeast Florida Executive Committee Meeting
February 26, 2020

A teleconference meeting of the FCWD, Inc., Executive Committee meeting was called to order by immediate Past Chair, Darryl Register on behalf of Chair Elaine Johnson, who is running late, on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. at the CareerSource Northeast Florida Corporate Office, 1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 250, Fleming Island, FL. The following members participated, representing a quorum:

Elaine Johnson	Jake Schickel
Clay Lyons	Eda Edgerton
Darryl Register	

Excused: Dr. Joe Pickens

Staff: Bruce Ferguson, Cheryl Taylor, Jay Loy, Steven Dionisio, Dianna Davis and Diane Nevison

Announcement: Our Vice Chair, Dan Vohs, has resigned from the Board; he sold his business.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda

There are 3 items on the consent agenda listed below. None were asked to be explained or pulled from the agenda.

1. Executive Committee minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting
2. Stevens Amendment Policy
3. Occupational Skills Training Policy

Motion made by Clay Lyons and seconded by Eda Edgerton to move approval the consent agenda.

Northeast Florida FinTech Institute

Governor DeSantis has awarded FSCJ in collaboration with SCRSC \$3.6 million (over 5 years) for the 2019-2020 Florida Job Growth Fund for the FinTech Initiative, an economic development program that provides financial technical training to fill shortages (software developers, cloud based managers, etc.) so these high growth financial technical industries can continue to grow. Approximately 1500 students will be served. Dr. Avendano and Dr. Pickens are excited to lead this dynamic regional partnership and understand the fast changing needs of these industries and are committed to provide those fast paced changing training needs. This is a great opportunity for the region. The Chair joined the meeting commenting that Florida Blue, a health care provider organization, is experiencing those same needs and shortages.

Legislative Update

There are two workforce bills (one in the house and one in the senate) that address the relationship between DEO and CSFL. Items in the bill appear to pull responsibility away from private sector led boards back towards DEO which throws red flags at us. The house bill almost

died in committee but was amended on to the Rural bill and is working its way jointly with the Rural bill. We are watching it closely.

Budget wise we are whole on TANF and Welfare Transition and level funded from last year with the rest of the budget. The budget is expected to pass.

Financial Update

Preliminary 2020-2021 funding allocations should be received in March. The federal budget is minimally higher in adult and youth and dislocated workers is level. Funding is based on formula (Feds to the state to the local level). We took a large cut last year and the same is expected this coming year. Expenditures are on target. Training dollar percentage spending requirements are ahead of schedule and we received an additional \$320,000 in welfare transition funds that will be used for a welfare transition summer youth experience program.

Other

Update – CSFL State Board Meeting – Elaine Johnson: The Chair attended the CSFL State Board meeting and participated in a “Developing Champions in Board Leadership” panel discussion with Jennifer Cornell, from Florida Power and Light South Central Florida, and Arnie Girnun, CSFL Board member and President of New Horizons South Florida (she is also active in the Miami WFB). The Panelist Moderator was Mike Lawrence from Community Advancements LLC (workforce consultant). One question for discussion was how new board members onboarded. The Chair shared with the panel a quote from a new Region 8 board member who stated we had one of the most comprehensive board orientations she has ever experienced. Region 8 does many things right that we can talk about, i.e., how we source board members, our board is private sector led, our board is aligned with EDC targeted industries who are represented on our board, many board members are tenured and mentor newer board members. The Chair coined the phrase ART (accountability, resiliency and transparency) for our board. The Chair’s colleague Mike Jackson did a couple of shout outs and Andra Cornelius, Sr. VP of WFD and EDC with CSFL shared interesting quotes. It was a good opportunity to see the CSFL board in action and see what is going on in other regions. DEO staff were also present. Region 8 received a big round of applause for our winning staff and kudo’s to Bruce Ferguson who is highly respected on a state and national level!

Next Meeting Dates:

Full Board & Workforce Forum: April 23, 2020, 9:30-11:00 a.m., University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL.

Executive Committee: March 18, 2020 (not 3/25), 9-10:30 a.m., CSNEFL Corporate Office, Fleming Island, FL

Adjournment: 9:30 a.m.