



**CareerSource Northeast Florida
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes – August 23, 2023**

Members in attendance:

Tim Hinson
L. Wayne McClain
Elaine Johnson
Joe Pickens
Darryl Register
John (Jake) Schickel
Amy Rice

Excused/Absent:

Kevin Doyle

Staff: Bruce Ferguson, Rebecca Livingston, Cheryl Taylor, Ivette Berrios, Jay Loy, Steven Dionisio, Angie Pineiro, Melissa Terbrueggen, Brandy Buckingham

Welcome and call to order:

9:00 a.m. Vice Chair, Tim Hinson welcomed the Executive Committee members and called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEMS

June 21, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes made by Darryl Register; seconded by Elaine Johnson; motion passed unanimously, and minutes approved.

Approval of the Nassau County Career Center Lease Extension:

- The Lease Extension for the Nassau County Career Center was presented and reviewed by the committee. It is over the \$325,000 threshold and therefore requires approval from the committee. Motion to approve made by L. Wayne McClain; seconded by Darryl Register; motion passed unanimously, and lease extension approved.

CareerSource Florida Healthcare Training Initiative:

- At the June State Board meeting, the state voted to put \$2.75 million into a healthcare training initiative. CareerSource Northeast Florida was selected to be one of the recipients of that grant money. We will be awarded a little over \$900,000 to help more people pursue healthcare careers.

The funds will be available to us through 2025. We are in a positive position to make this work in our region because of our focus and the relationships we have with the healthcare providers. We are positioned to take the things we are currently doing and scale it. Discussion occurred whether this training could also be used in conjunction with hospital or colleges. Yes, it can be a combination of our traditional ITAs, customized trainings, and apprenticeships. This will be presented at the September Executive Committee meeting. Additional language will be added to the training policy to address the additional flexibility we get from the state set-aside dollars.

Operations Update:

- July 2023 employment statistics were presented and reviewed. There were 32,000 net new jobs from June 2022 to June 2023. This is down a bit but still looking strong. Transportation and Utilities are in the negative from a year-to-year comparison. We will continue to monitor. Otherwise, there has been strong growth over multiple industries and in comparison, to other metros, we are slightly higher.
- Both the House and the Senate at the federal level have submitted their proposed budgets for the workforce development. The house reduces the adult funding by 80% and zeros out the youth funding. They leave Dislocated Worker funds untouched. The Senate essentially leaves everything level funded into 2024 fiscal year. This is a negotiating time between the House and the Senate. They will begin to meet in September. We will watch this closely and update as we get more information.
- We have received an additional \$400,000 in welfare transition funds from the state for the fiscal year that just ended. We also received an extension to utilize these funds through September 2023. This helps us because we are not using the current dollars for the first couple of months of this fiscal year. Also, we have closed out the fiscal year and had additional carryforward dollars. We budgeted to carryforward 14% but we are now carrying forward 20-25% which is really good news.
- As a reminder, please RSVP to Angie Pineiro for the Talent Forum on October 19, 2023, immediately following the Board of Directors meeting.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.