



**First Coast Workforce Development, Inc. (dba CareerSource Northeast Florida)  
Full Board Meeting – April 25, 2024**

Board members in attendance:

Tim Hinson	Clay Lyons
L. Wayne McClain	Kirk Barras
Darryl Register	Joe Pickens
Michael Templeton	Beth Payne
Elaine Johnson	Reggie Fullwood
Amy Rice	Donna Wagner

Board members excused/absent: Kevin Doyle, John (Jake) Schickel, Lucia Valdivia-Sanchez, Angie White, Diane Williams

Staff in attendance: Bruce Ferguson, Cheryl Taylor, Rebecca Livingston, Jay Loy, Ivette Berrios, Steve Dionisio, Mike Lashbrook, Carol Cullen, Melissa Terbrueggen, Angie Pineiro

Others in attendance: Commissioner Renninger

Welcome and call to order:

9:30 a.m. Tim Hinson, Board Vice Chair welcomed the CSNEFL Board of Directors and called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present/absent list above; Quorum was established according to the bylaws.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of January 25, 2024, CSNEFL Full Board Meeting Minutes:

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

### Introduction of New Board Members:

Vice Chair Tim Hinson introduced our new Board members Donna Wagner and Reggie Fullwood. Donna Wagner is the VP, Chief Nursing Officer at UF Health St. Johns. Reggie Fullwood is the CEO at Operation New Hope. They were recently appointed as members of the CSNEFL Board of Directors on March 25, 2024, by the Consortium.

### Announcement of CEO

Elaine Johnson announced that after an extensive search process, the CEO Selection Committee has appointed Cheryl Taylor, current Senior Vice President of Operations for CareerSource NEFL, as the new CEO. Cheryl will officially start the position on July 1, 2024.

## **PROGRAM**

### HealthCare Program:

Carol Cullen, HealthCare Industry Manager, works with healthcare employers throughout our region and introduced today's speakers. Jennifer Henry from Ascension gave a presentation on the State of the Healthcare Workforce. Amy Kidane and Heather Barlow from Mayo Clinic presented Generative AI / LLM and Automation. A question-and-answer session followed.

### Operations Update:

March 2024 Employment statistics were reviewed. We have seen an uptick in our region for total employment as it continues to be a tight labor market. Net new job growth for March reached 14,500, which is significantly lower than it has been year over year every month. We will continue to monitor this. There was a decrease in career center visits for March. Our numbers were significantly impacted by the Gateway closure. The center was closed for 2 weeks due to a pipe burst. Job seeker visits are up. Job orders dropped back down a bit.

"Recruitment Wednesdays" is a weekly job fair at the Southside career center location that was set up to accommodate the many requests from businesses for recruitment events. It has helped drive traffic and we may be rolling that out at other locations as well. The Military Spouse Job Fair took place last week. Other events scheduled include "Second Chance" at FSCJ on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the Jax Authority Career Fair is scheduled on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

US House of Representatives WIOA Bill:

The US House of Representatives passed the WIOA Reauthorization Bill - HR 6655, A Stronger Workforce for America Act with overwhelming bipartisan support. Bruce Ferguson gave an overview of the Bill's key items.

Talent Advancement Network Quarterly Update:

Rebecca gave an overview of the state requirement: Florida Statute 445.007 requires each local workforce development board to create an education and industry consortium composed of educational entities and business representatives in the designated workforce service delivery area. The Talent Advancement Network (TAN) for Northeast Florida satisfies this requirement. We worked with Kevin Doyle, Board Chair to appointment members to this committee and they held their first meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment:

None.

The meeting was adjourned by the Board Vice Chair, Tim Hinson at 11:00 a.m.