## YOUTH COUNCIL

## Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc.

**September 19, 2022**

**\*VIRTUAL MEETING\***

**9 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

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| Andrea May | Christine Sardina |
| Vivian Watkins | Brad Myers |
| Aaron Stitt | Kimberly Baker |
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**Members Present: VIA ZOOM**

**Members Absent:**

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| Rita Davis | Tim Goodman |
| Carlos Artime | B.J. Brundage |
| Peg LaMarca |  |

**Guests/Interested Parties:**

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| Shellie Taylor, Lee Schools |  |
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**Staff Present**:

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| Thais Kuoman, Staff Liaison |

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

 The meeting was called to order by Aaron Stitt, Committee Chair and attending Committee members, at 9:05 a.m., Via ZOOM. Welcome and introductions were made by all present and established quorum.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 Andrea May made a **motion** to approve the July 13, 2022, minutes; Vivian Watkins seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

1. **GUEST SPEAKER, SHELLIE TAYLOR GRAD ACADEMY**

Shellie Taylor, Graduation Coordinator, at Grad Academy spoke to the committee about the program and the type of assistance it provide students in Lee County to get back on track towards graduation. GRAD Academy improves the needs of students who have been unsuccessful in the regular or general education program in the Lee County School System. The academy is intended to lead students toward success of remaining in school and earning their high school diploma through the use of innovative teaching techniques, greater access to counseling services, individualized instruction, flexible scheduling, lower student/teacher ratios and a more supportive environment.

1. **2022-2023 YOUTH COMMITTEE GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

 The committee discussed some goals and responsibility ideas for the 2022-2023 program year. We will discuss it further at the next meeting.

1. **OPEN DISCUSSION**

There was no open discussion.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

 With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.