

# **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.**

**March 10, 2021**

**3:30 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

### **Directors Present: VIRTUAL via ZOOM**

Diana Bello	Mike Biskie
B.J. Brundage	Drummond Camel
James Coalwell	Michael Dalby
Keitha Daniels	Bill Diamond
Dave Gammon	Brian Hirsch-PRESENT
Kim Hustad	Mike Jackson-PRESENT
Brad Myers	Mike Nagle
Dr. Thomas Norman	Aaron Stitt
John Talmage	Dr. Amy Teproovich
Joe Wheeler – PRESENT	Michael Wukitsch

### **Directors Absent:**

Curtis Brown	Brent Kettler
Jim Lamb	Melvin Morgan
Geri Yoraschek	

### **Guests Present: VIRTUAL via ZOOM**

Leigh Ann Bellamy, Div. Blind Svcs.	Troy Collett, Div. of Blind Services
Adrian Kerr, FSW	Dr. Ron Natale, One Stop Operator
Greg Urbancic, Board Attorney	

### **Staff Present:**

Janeth Castrejon-PRESENT	Peg Elmore
Joe Paterno – PRESENT	Benita Richards – PRESENT
Jim Wall – PRESENT	Mary Anne Zurn-PRESENT

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Jackson, Chair, 3:30 p.m., via ZOOM. A verbal role call was taken and established a quorum was present.

## **II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome was made by Mike Jackson and Joe Paterno.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Brian Hirsch made a **motion** to approve the January 13, 2021, minutes; Drummond Camel seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

State Law, Right to be Heard: 286, will be offered following each motion. Public Comment: N/A

## V. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY REGION PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Executive Director shared DEO was not available to report to the Board today and postponed their report for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

## VI. ONE STOP OPERATOR REPORT

### Information Only-No Action Required

Dr. Ron Natale, current One Stop Operator, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board outlining limited on-site visits this past year due to the pandemic; however, maintained virtual and telephone conferences. In addition, the report outlined strategies, recommendations/actions, and results. The report was e-mailed to all Board of Directors.

The Board inquired if there were gaps of services due to the pandemic? None from programmatic; however, recommends finding a way to get the Center Partners, such as, Division of Blind Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, etc. back to regular Center/Partner meetings to better assist job seekers and employers.

## VII. OFFICER VACANCY

The Board Attorney shared Board Secretary, Dr. Robert Jones, has transitioned positions with his employer and will no longer represent Florida Southwestern State College. Therefore, he is no longer serving as a Board of Director and resigned as Board Secretary.

First **Action Item** – Board Attorney opened the floor to any volunteers or nominations for Board Secretary: N/A

Second **Action Item** – Board President will take the vacancy to the Executive Committee.

Board discussion pursued and concurred, there is no critical need to fill the Board Secretary vacancy right away. It may remain vacant until Nominating Committee fills all Board Officer positions in September.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Information Only-No Action Required

*Regional Economic Development Ad-Hoc* – John Talmage, Chair, shared the Committee discussed the Targeted Occupations List and the lack of skilled workers in the private sector.

*Finance Committee* – Michael Dalby, Chair, shared balance sheets are positive, strong COVID impact on programs/budgets, Youth programs remain on track.

*Service Delivery* – Bill Diamond, Chair, shared the Committee reviewed Continuous Improvement Performance (CIP) Initiative and a Center presentation on how the Centers helped customers during the pandemic and unemployment.

## **IX. SYMPOSIUM SUMMARY**

### Information Only-No Action Required

Peg Elmore summarized the three symposiums. Symposium I was held 1/21/21, moderated by John Talmage, kicked off by Dane Eagle, and was the voice of the Business Community. Symposium II is scheduled for 3/25/21, moderated by Michael Dalby, will be kicked off by Dr. Eric Hall, Chancellor for Innovation with the Department of Education, and this Symposium will ask how educators can assist the businesses. Symposium III is scheduled for 5/27/21, still in the planning stages, but planning to be the voice of how, if necessary, Legislation can assist removing barriers between Business and Education. Symposium I Summary video is available on CareerSource Southwest Florida website, as well as, registration for Symposium II.

## **X. OPEN FORUM**

Board President shared the CareerSource Florida Administrative Policy, previously e-mailed to the Board for review, has been approved. Region 24 Compliance Status Report due in 180 Days.

The Executive Committee approved a budget to proceed with a 2021 Annual Awards Dinner.

Destination Graduation is still going. Mentors are in the high schools as most students have returned to school. Virtual students are more of a challenge to reach and find academics to be more challenging.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.