

**CareerSource Southwest Florida
Business & Economic Development Committee Meeting
August 15, 2024
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present

John Talmage-Chair	Adrian Llanes
Keitha Daniels	Sloan Nagy
Sarah Harrington-Virtual	Michael Wukitsch
Brett Kettler	

Members Absent

Rosemary Fllori
Adrian Kerr

Staff Present

Peg Elmore-Virtual	Rebecca Sandholdt
Ed Fritz	Lyntoria Thomas
Markendy Pierre	Bill Welch

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Talmage at 3:00 p.m. John welcomed everyone and Lyntoria Thomas, Administrative Services Assistant, confirmed quorum was met.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Keitha Daniels made a motion to approve the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes; Adrian Llanes seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. 2024-2025 COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

John Talmage explained that because of the new 2024-2025 program year a vote is needed to elect a new committee chair and vice chair. John explained Vice Chair Dave Gammon resigned. Bill Welch, Staff Liaison for the BED Committee explained a new chair is not required at this time so the committee could vote to keep John as chair.

Adrian Llanes made a motion to keep John Talmage as Chair; Keitha Daniels seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

John Talmage made a motion to elect Keitha Daniels as Vice Chair; Adrian Llanes seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

V. COUNTY TOURS

Bill Welch, Business Services Director, explained the Business and Economic Development Committee have plans to tour the six county regions of CareerSource Southwest Florida beginning in October. Bill explained their first stop will be the Sugarcane Mill & Refinery in Clewiston (Hendry County). Bill extended many thanks to Board of Director Carl Stringer for all of his help with setting up the tour.

VI. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Peg Elmore, President CEO gave an overview of the strategic planning workshop that took place in May. Peg explained the strategic plan is a draft and before it is finalized, by the Board of Directors she is asking for feedback from each of CareerSource Southwest Florida's Committees. Peg explained the three drafted objectives and the word that is causing her concern "partners". Peg asked the committee should we use the word "partners" or "employers". The committee provided great feedback and asked lots of questions.

The committee asked Peg, "who is the consumer", is using the word partners easier, what about using the words "organizations" or "customers". The committee suggested compiling a list of suggested partners and conducting a survey of input and outputs. The committee also suggested identifying what a partner is, doing a focus group, quality referrals, and defining who the consumer is.

VII. OPEN FORUM

Peg Elmore congratulated Michael Wukitsch on becoming a doctor.
"Congratulations Dr. Wukitsch!"

VIII. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.