

**CareerSource Southwest Florida
Youth Committee Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025
1:30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Brad Myers-Chair
Phil Magin
Christina Sardina

Andrea Schaffer
Aaron Stitt

Members Absent:

Tim Goodman
Brian Granstra

Guest Present:

Robert Richards-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Staff Present:

Thais Kuoman-Staff Liaison
Denia Kolek

Lyntoria Thomas

I. CALL OF ORDER

Chair, Brad Myers, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Welcomes and introductions were made. Quorum was confirmed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

III. APPROVE AUGUST 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Andrea Schaffer made a motion to approve the August 21, 2024 meeting minutes; Aaron Stitt seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF LIAISON

Thais Kuoman explained she will no longer be the staff liaison for the Youth Committee. Thais introduced Denia Kolek, Youth Program Manager, as the new Staff Liaison.

V. SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Thais Kuoman gave an overview of the summer youth employment program. Denia Kolek explained the changes that have been made to make the program more successful. Denia explained this program year they will be hiring youth mentors, extending the program so more youth and worksites can participate, and they are looking to begin the program in April so they can begin training the youth mentors.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next meeting is April 16, 2025 at 3pm.

VII. OPEN FORMUM

Thais Kuoman explained committee member Anthony Oakes has resigned, but sent a replacement, Robert Richards. Thais explained Robert would have to be voted onto the committee. Robert introduced himself and gave a brief overview of who he is, explained his commitment to the youth, and what it is he does for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Andrea Schaffer made a motion to approve Robert Richards as a member of the Youth Committee; Brad Myers seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

IX. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.