

**CareerSource Southwest Florida
Youth Committee Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2025
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Brad Myers-Chair-Virtual	Robert Richards
Kevin Donlan-Virtual	Andrea Schaffer-Virtual
Tim Goodman	

Members Absent

Brian Granstra	Christine Sardina
Phil Magin	Aaron Stitt

Staff Present

Denia Kolek-Staff Liaison	Lyntoria Thomas
Thais Kuoman	

I. CALL OF ORDER

Chair, Brad Myers called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Lyntoria Thomas called roll and confirmed quorum was met. Welcomes and introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

III. APPROVAL JUNE 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Andrea Schaffer made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025 meeting minutes; Tim Goodman seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. YOUTH COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

Staff Liaison, Denia Kolek, gave a quick overview of the framework for the youth programs. Denia explained career planning, mentoring, and work experience.

V. YOUTH PROGRAM PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Denia Kolek gave an overview of the key performance indicators for the youth program. Denia explained the measurable skills gains, credential attainment, and employment outcomes. The committee discussed the difficulties of keeping the youth engaged and enhancing communication with local schools to support case managers in tracking participant progress.

VI. SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

- Connect with If I Can Dream Foundation, Family Initiatives, and Friendship Circles
- I Will Foundation is a new partner
- 125 Summer Youth Employment Worksites
- 261 Summer Youth Employment Participants

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 13, 2025 at 3pm

January 29, 2026 at 3pm

April 23, 2026 at 3pm

VIII. OPEN FORUM

Tim Goodman:

August 27, 2025-Career Fair at Community Cooperative

Early November-Career Fair at CareerSource Southwest Florida Fort Myers

IX. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.