

**CareerSource Southwest Florida  
Youth Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2026  
3:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Brad Myers-Chair-Virtual	Robert Richards-Virtual
Tim Goodman	Christine Sardina-Virtual
Phil Magin-Virtual	Aaron Stitt-Virtual

**Members Absent**

Kevin Donlan	Andrea Schaffer
Brian Granstra	

**Staff Present**

Denia Kolek-Staff Liaison	Lyntoria Thomas
Thais Kuoman-Virtual	

**I. CALL OF ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by the committee staff liaison Denia Kolek; Lyntoria Thomas confirmed quorum was met.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**

**III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Aaron Stitt made a motion to approve the October 23, 2025 meeting minutes; Christine Sardina seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IET)**

Denia Kolek gave an overview of the IET program that is offered to individuals enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and General Education Development (GED). The IET program provides an opportunity for students to gain essential skills and knowledge while exploring career paths that are aligned with their interest.

**V. COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER FAIRS**

CareerSource Southwest Florida, Collier County Public Schools, The Greater Naples Chamber, and Junior Achievement have partnered together to host three regional career fairs for local high school juniors and seniors. CareerSource will have the opportunity to engage with future high school graduates. We will share information on job-seeking opportunities, work-base training, and our occupational skills training programs.

2/10/26 Immokalee High School from 9am-12pm  
2/12/26 Lely High School from 9am-12pm  
2/26/26 Aubrey Rogers High School from 9am-12pm

## **VI. 2025 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIR SHOW**

CareerSource Southwest Florida participated in the two-day 2025 Florida International Air Show. The staff participated on both days, representing the most highly attended tent. Beyond the remarkable air show, our Career Exploration Virtual Reality Goggles served as a major highlight for attendees.

## **VII. 2026 UPCOMING MEETINGS**

April 23 at 3pm  
July 30 at 3pm  
October 29 at 3pm

## **IX. OPEN FORUM**

Denia Kolek

- We are excited about our partnership with Collier County Adult Education to offer the IET program to our youth that are enrolled in the GED program. Our focus is on our youth, but the program is available to adults too.

Tim Goodman-Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida

- In partnership with CareerSource Southwest Florida's Business Services

2/18/26 Career Fair from 1pm-3pm  
Community Cooperative  
3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd 33916

3/11/26 Career Fair from 10am-1pm  
Next Level Church (Downtown)  
3637 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd 33916

**X. ADJOURNMENT-** The meeting was adjourned at 3:13pm