

Business & Economic Development Committee Meeting

**May 27, 2026
3:00pm**

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Public Comment...



CareerSource Southwest Florida
Business & Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2026
3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

John Talmage-Chair
Kimberly Clement-Virtual
Keitha Daniels
Sarah Harrington-Virtual
Brent Kettler

Adrian Llanes-Virtual
Lucienne Pears-Virtual

Members Absent:

Sloan Nagy
Laura Schmidt
Mike Wukitsch

Guest Present:

Dayna Flores, HCA Florida
Susan Holland, Florida Southwestern State College
Lawrence Judge, Marieb College of Health and Human Services
Todd Lyon, NCH Healthcare
Michael Pierce, HCA Florida
Kristy Rigot, Lee Health
Whitney Rhyne, Florida Southwestern State College

Staff Present:

Bill Welch- Staff Liaison
Lyntoria Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, John Talmage. Lyntoria Thomas confirmed quorum was met.

Welcome and Introductions were made- Thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come today-Chair John Talmage.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Keitha Danielos made a motion to approve the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes; Brent Kettler seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. CHANGES IN HEALTHCARE/ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTHCARE

There was a discussion on the workforce challenges, changes, and the incorporation of artificial intelligence in healthcare. The discussion focused on the Southwest Florida's workforce needs over the next three to four years, with emphasis on replacing anticipated retirements and supporting projected growth in the healthcare sector.

The discussion emphasized strong alignment between healthcare system growth projections and regional education and training efforts to meet future workforce demands. The need for coordinated planning between healthcare providers and educational partners was emphasized to ensure pipeline readiness for clinical and allied health roles.

V. OPEN FORUM- None

VI. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.




**2026-2027
Committee
Meeting Schedule**





Business Engagement & Economic Development Support

- Policy 0125... passed by CareerSource Florida in January 2026.
 - Requires CareerSource Southwest Florida to have Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with Economic Development Organizations.
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Strategic Plan

Objective 1A: Increase New or First-time Employers by 3%

Percentage of New
Employers

60.18

New Employers
served in PY 25-26

458

New Employers
served in PY24-25

649

Goal PY 25-26 - New
Employers

668



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Welcome & Introductions...



Craig Frey



Jennie Goffe



Dr. Martin McClinton

Dr. Mary Myers

Agriculture Technology & Artificial Intelligence





Open Forum...





Adjourned...

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