



**Broward Workforce Development Board
Strategic Planning Policy Development Legislative
Advocacy Regionalism (SPPDLAR) Committee**
Monday, February 1, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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VIRTUAL MEETING

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IDENTIFICATION AND INTRODUCTION OF ANY UNIDENTIFIED CALLERS

MEETING AGENDA

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATION

Marti Coley of PinPoint Results, LLC, represents the Florida Workforce Development Association on matters related to the Florida Legislature and the State. Ms. Coley will provide an update on the upcoming State Legislative Session especially as it concerns workforce development issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the 11/19/19 meeting of the BWDB SPPDLAR Committee.

RECOMM	Approval
ACTION	Motion for Approval
EXHIBIT	Minutes of the 11/19/19 Meeting

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NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Draft BWDB Legislative Agenda

Consideration to approve 1) the draft 2021 BWDB Legislative Agenda and 2) identify Committee members who can reach out to our local delegation to present our agenda. To better focus our efforts, we have limited the items to those associated with local workforce-related issues identified by the Florida Workforce Development Association (FWDA).

RECOMM	Approval
ACTION	Motion for Approval
EXHIBITS	2021 Draft BWDB Legislative Agenda (<i>Pg. 9</i>) FWDA Talking Points (<i>Pp. 10-12</i>) US Conference of Mayors Workforce Update (<i>Pp. 13-14</i>) Broward County Legislative Directory (<i>Pp. 15-25</i>) 2021 Legislative Session Dates and Contact Tracker (<i>Pp. 26-29</i>) 2021 Bills Related to Workforce (<i>Pp. 30-33</i>)

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2. **2021 Community Partner Legislative Agendas**

To fulfill our role as conveners, we selected the workforce development related items from our community partners' legislative agendas. The Committee is invited to recommend additional items for incorporation into our BWDB Legislative Agenda.

**RECOMM
ACTION
EXHIBITS**

Strategic Discussion

Approval of additional items to the BWDB Legislative Agenda

Excerpts from 2021 Community Partner Legislative Positions (*Pp. 34-37*)

2021 Community Partner Full Legislative Positions: (*Pg. 38*)

- [Broward County State Legislative and Executive Program](#)
- [Broward County Public Schools State Legislative Priorities](#)
- [Florida's Public Technical College System Legislative Platform](#)
- [United Way of Broward County Consensus Legislative Agenda](#)
- [FL Restaurant & Lodging Association Legislative Priorities](#)
- [FL Regional Manufacturers Associations Draft Legislative Priorities](#)
- [Florida Children's Council 2021 Legislative Priorities](#)

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3. **Board Member Template Letter to Broward Delegation and Congressional Representatives**

Consideration to approve a letter from the BWDB to our Congressional Representatives asking that they support a role for the local workforce delivery system in infrastructure and climate control initiatives. The local workforce system has been instrumental in bringing together job seekers and employers quickly and seamlessly through the American Job Center system and can be catalysts for matching these projects with workers, especially those hardest hit by the pandemic.

**RECOMM
ACTION
EXHIBITS**

Approval

Motion for Approval

Letter to Broward Delegation and Congressional Representatives

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4. **BWDB SPPDLAR Committee Matrix**

SPPDLAR strategic planning matrix, which reflects the committee's objectives and tasks by CSBD for 2021.

**RECOMM
ACTION
EXHIBITS**

Approval

Motion for Approval

SPPDLAR Strategic Planning Matrix for 2021

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REPORTS

1. Broward County Unemployment Information – December 2020

The unemployment rate in Broward County was 6.6 percent in December 2020. The rate was 4.0 percentage points higher than the region's rate a year ago of 2.6 percent. In December 2020, Broward County's unemployment rate was .5 percent higher than the state rate (6.1 percent) and .1 percent lower than the national rate (6.7 percent). Out of a labor force of 1,007,605, there were 66,482 unemployed Broward County residents.

ACTION	None
EXHIBIT	None

MATTERS FROM THE SPPDLAR COMMITTEE

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS TO BE DETERMINED.
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MINUTES

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The Committee is reminded of conflict of interest provisions.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDEES: Steve Tinsley, Francois Leconte. Josie Bacallao via phone. (Dr. Ben Chen, Gary Arenson, Kristin Cavallini-Soothill, Gina Alexis, Michael Carn, Heiko Dobrikow, Dr. Lisa Knowles, and Pam Sands were unable to attend.)

STAFF: Mason Jackson, Carol Hylton, Rochelle Daniels, Michael Bateman, Melanie Magill, and Elizabeth Messler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the February 5, 2019, meeting of the BWDB Strategic Planning Policy Development Legislative Advocacy Regionalism (SPPDLAR) Committee.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019, BWDB SPPDLAR Committee meeting was made by Francois Leconte and seconded by Josie Bacallao. The BWDB SPPDLAR Committee unanimously approved the February 5, 2019, minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2020 BWDB State Legislative Agenda

Develop legislative engagement strategies for our 2020 Broward Workforce Development Board (BWDB) State Legislative Agenda. Senate Bill #856 indirectly relates to BWDB agenda item promoting affordable housing. House Bill #6035 indirectly relates to BWDB agenda item on apprenticeship expansion. In addition, community partner legislative agendas are presented for your information.

Mason Jackson presented this year's BWDB State Legislative Agenda. Mr. Jackson emphasized the need to discuss the expectations for BWDB members to become engaged in promoting our legislative strategy. Mr. Jackson stated that although Dr. Ben Chen, Vice-Chair for Legislative Affairs, was unable to attend today's meeting he requested we send him the legislative packets so he can bring them to Tallahassee when he meets with legislators in January.

Mason Jackson pointed out the legislative agenda exhibits. The palm card provides an overview of our 4 major legislative agenda priorities. He indicated that at the urging of the state college system, FWDA's legislative agenda supports recouping tuition costs from apprentices who currently do not have to pay tuition. CSBD's position is that there needs to be more creative ways to pay for apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Jackson noted that the BWDB Legislative Contact Tracker, a spreadsheet that notes which BWDB members have made contacts with certain legislators. Mr. Jackson noted that Dr. Ben Chen suggests that we track bills that relate to our legislative agenda items.

Dr. Steve Tinsley suggested that Mason Jackson provide a brief walk-through of the 2020 BWDB State Legislative Agenda. Mr. Jackson stated that the 4 legislative priorities were presented to the BWDB who established items 1 and 2 as are our top priorities.

Priority 1, Florida Skills Training Allocation, is very similar to a bill introduced by Sen. Oscar Braynon over the past 3 years. The bill originally came from the FWDA, however, never gained legs. Mr. Jackson said that the bill looks at monies assessed by the Department of Revenue for unemployment compensation. Florida businesses currently pay a tax to fund the reemployment/unemployment compensation system.

What we are proposing is that in the years when the reemployment assistance trust fund is flush, a new allocation for a skills training allocation fund would be included giving money back to employers to train unemployed, underemployed or employed workers.

Mason indicated that CSBD is recommending that this money come back to local workforce development boards to use as additional training dollars and that it allow for a lot more flexibility.

Josie Bacallao expressed concern on how to avoid another Sadowski Act scenario, whereby the fund gets raided. Mr. Jackson stated that Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Speaker of the House said last year they did not want to raid Sadowski funds; however, after Hurricane Michael, this was done.

Mr. Jackson said we can advocate that affordable housing is a statewide issue and that we want to ensure all of the dollars go to it. Josie Bacallao raised concern that the Florida Skills Training Allocation will be another flexible fund. Mr. Jackson stated that he will approach the issue with Sen. Oscar Branyon, promoting that the money will not sit there as a fund and instead be distributed to the local boards.

Mason Jackson discussed Priority #3, Continued Apprenticeship Expansion noting that House Bill 7071, passed in the last legislation session, increased our ability to do apprenticeships in non-skilled trades. CSBD is also happy to announce that the state will be providing another apprenticeship grant.

Additionally, we recommend allowing Bright Futures Scholarships to be used to fund apprenticeships and career and technical education.

Lastly, Mr. Jackson discussed the Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Program, a USDOL program that will allow industry groups to come up with their own apprenticeship programs, shorter in length and not registered. CSBD recommends that USDOL keep all the flexibility currently allowed under a USDOL program.

Mason Jackson discussed Priority #4, recommending that Employ Florida be designated as the job and resume bank for the state. While we are aware that other state departments, such as the colleges and universities, are investing in their own job banks, Employ Florida should be the central job bank and they should all connect with us.

Mason Jackson asked the committee to develop a strategy on how to get BWDB members involved in discussing our legislative issues with legislators they feel comfortable contacting.

Carol Hylton pointed out page 25, the Broward Legislative Delegation Directory, was sent in the past to BWDB members and questioned how the committee wanted to do it this year. Ms. Hylton noted that in the past, BWDB members would note which legislators they had a relationship with so that they could champion them on our behalf.

Dr. Steve Tinsley recommended discussing this at the next BWDB meeting and Mason Jackson offered to send it out to the BWDB ahead of time, before the legislative session starts. Mr. Jackson stated that Rep. Cindy Polo's legislative aide mentioned that she is not familiar with CSBD's services, so Mr. Jackson has invited her to meet him at the South Center for a tour.

Dr. Steve Tinsley asked if there are other legislators on key committees like the Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee that may not be familiar with our services. Mr. Jackson noted that Rep. Chip LaMarca was on the Florida Workforce Alliance Board and knows about CSBD.

Mr. Jackson knows Representatives Dan Daley, Evan Jenne, Kristin Jacobs, and Bobby Dubose, as well as Senators Perry Thurston and Gary Framer. Mr. Jackson stated that he does not know Reps. Patricia Williams and Anika Omphroy well and is not sure how familiar they are with CSBD.

Dr. Steve Tinsley recommended getting out our legislative contact tracker out to the BWDB as soon as possible to start getting BWDB members signed up for who they will contact.

Mr. Jackson asked Dr. Tinsley if we could give our legislative agenda packet to the Broward County lobbyists and sit down with them so they will be knowledgeable of what we support.

Dr. Tinsley stated that he will work on arranging this. Mr. Jackson stated that he also gave our legislative agenda to the legislative advocacy of the Chamber of Commerce who said they will adopt our issues. Mr. Jackson stated that he will also reach out to the school board lobbyists.

REPORTS

1. **BWDB SPPDLAR Committee Matrix**

SPPDLAR committee matrix, which reflect the committee's objectives and tasks by CSBD for 2019.

Michael Bateman provided an overview of the 2019 SPPDLAR Committee Matrix. It tracks many CSBD activities to support these mutual efforts, and the important documents to support those efforts, such as press releases, the quarterly CSBD Infograph, social media efforts, etc.

Dr. Tinsley noted that entrepreneurship continues to be a growing area of importance for the county. Dr. Tinsley expects a lot more activity on workforce investment and the first source hiring agreement, for which he is working closely with county staff and small businesses to ensure that the Employ Florida portal is being utilized for every workforce investment new hire.

2. CSBD Calendar Year-to-Date Infograph through September 2019

CareerSource Broward's Infograph was created to assist BWDB members with information to discuss with elected officials about CSBD. The infograph summarizes key data points on Labor Market Information; customers served; business services delivered; community involvement; and other numbers for year-to-date calendar 2019.

Michael Bateman noted that the CSBD 2019 Year-End Infograph is distributed to the Broward County Legislative Delegation and BWDB members each quarter.

Dr. Steve Tinsley commented that he especially likes that the infograph gives our Broward County Delegation a sense of the volume of CSBD's interactions. Dr. Tinsley stated the he will have more opportunity in the future to get this information out to legislators. Carol Hylton stated that we are also in the process of revamping the look and feel of the infograph.

3. Broward County Unemployment Information – October 2019

The unemployment rate in Broward County was 2.8 percent in October 2019. Lower by 0.3 percentage point over the year. In October 2019, Broward County's unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point lower than the state rate (2.9) and 0.5 percent point lower than the national rate (3.3 percent). Out of a labor force of 1,060,485, there were 29,607 unemployed Broward County residents.

Mason Jackson noted that the unemployment rate in Broward County is holding at 2.8 percent. Mr. Jackson stated that while the good news is that there are a lot of jobs, the number one issue is that employers still complain about the difficulty to find good talent.

MATTERS FROM THE SPPDLAR COMMITTEE

None

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

None

ADJOURNMENT TIME:

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Broward Workforce Development Board

Draft 2021 Legislative Agenda

1. Maintain SNAP, TANF, and Funding for Operations – Federal

With the pandemic's impact on Florida's unemployment, the role of CareerSource Boards around the state will be critical in helping Floridians get back to work. **Support** maintaining SNAP, TANF, and funding for operations, as it will be crucial in equipping the local boards to assist citizens while they are receiving training and securing new employment when people try to resume working amid COVID.

2. Legislation Allowing Workforce Boards to Complete Level 2 Background Checks - State

Currently, Workforce Boards are not listed as a "Specified Agency" in FS 432.02 as an authorized agency to perform a level 2 background check. **Support** legislation that will authorize Florida Workforce Boards to complete level 2 screenings as required in the subagreement between the local boards and the Department of Economic Opportunity.

3. Apprenticeship Expansion – State (Continued from 2020)

The 2019 and 2020 Legislature made changes to increase workforce competitiveness to expand Apprenticeship Training. We **support** additional changes that would continue that expansion, such as:

- a. Have pre-apprentices covered by state worker compensation coverage similar to that which is provided to work experience participants. This would be for pre-apprentices 18 and under.
- b. Allow Bright Futures scholarships to be used to fund apprenticeships and career and technical education.

4. Support full use of the Sadowski Act funding - State (Continued from 2020)

Lack of affordable housing has now been identified as a major barrier to attracting and retaining our workforce. With the impact of the Pandemic, **support** full funding of the Sadowski Act for the purposes of affordable housing to help Florida employers, job seekers, and seniors who have been displaced

Florida Workforce Development Association

Florida 2021 Legislative Delegation Meeting Talking Points

1. Thank you for the opportunity to present to you all today. Delegation meetings provide a great opportunity for your constituents to meet with you all at once, and we are very grateful.
2. With the pandemic's impact on Florida's unemployment, the role of CareerSource Boards around the state will be critical in helping Floridians get back to work. Maintaining SNAP, TANF, and funding for operations will be crucial in equipping the local boards to assist citizens while they are receiving training and securing new employment as people try to resume working amid COVID.
3. The Local Career Source Centers are available to all legislators as a resource to assist you with your constituents. We are not an unemployment system, but we help Floridians get back to work through training and other services. Let us help you as Florida recovers from the Pandemic.
4. Support Legislation that will authorize Workforce Florida Boards to complete Level 2 Screenings as required in the subagreement between the Local Boards and the Department of Economic Opportunity.
Have the language available if a legislator asks (this can be given later to staff) -Recommended statutory change:

435.02 - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the term:

(1) "Agency" means any state, county, or municipal agency that grants licenses or registration permitting the operation of an employer or is itself an employer or that otherwise facilitates the screening of employees pursuant to this chapter. If there is no state agency or the municipal or county agency chooses not to conduct employment screening, "agency" means the Department of Children and Families.

(2) “Employee” means any person required by law to be screened pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, persons who are contractors, licensees, or volunteers.

(3) “Employer” means any person or entity required by law to conduct screening of employees pursuant to this chapter.

(4) “Employment” means any activity or service sought to be performed by an employee which requires the employee to be screened pursuant to this chapter.

(5) “Specified agency” means the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Families, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Department of Education, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, **regional workforce boards providing services as defined in F.S. 445.002 (3)**, and local licensing agencies approved pursuant to s. 402.307, when these agencies are conducting state and national criminal history background screening on persons who work with children or persons who are elderly or disabled.

(6) “Vulnerable person” means a minor as defined in s. 1.01 or a vulnerable adult as defined in s. 415.102

5. Support full use of the Sadowski Act funding for affordable housing benefiting employers, the workforce and seniors.

Lack of affordable housing has now been identified as a major barrier to attracting and retaining our workforce. With the impact of the Pandemic, we recommend full funding of the Sadowski Act for the purposes of affordable housing to help Floridians who have been displaced.

6. Continue Apprenticeship Expansion - The 2019 and 2020 Legislature took bold steps to increase workforce competitiveness to expand Apprenticeship Training. We believe additional changes would continue that expansion and would be in line with Gubernatorial and legislative intent.

****I would recommend to use the following *only* if legislators have specific questions:**

- a. Have pre-apprentices covered by state worker compensation coverage similar to that which is provided to work experience participants. This would be for pre-apprentices 18 and under.

- b. Allow Bright Futures scholarships to be used to fund apprenticeships and career and technical education.
- c. Amend Statute 1009.25 to allow the State College system, University or School District to recover costs to support Apprenticeship programs. Currently the language exempts the payment of tuition or fees for apprenticeship programs. The following is suggested language to foster this change to State Statute 1009.25: “This exemption does not include student apprentices enrolled in a degree-seeking program, or career certificate program of study, that specializes in highly technical academic coursework and lab training required in Advanced Manufacturing, Commercial Space, Aerospace, Defense, Aviation, IT, Cybersecurity, Supply Chain Logistics and Medical industries at a State university, Florida college institution, or school district.”
- d. Develop a method to allow for real time funding of apprenticeships and post-secondary programs similar to the FTE system used in secondary education.
- e. Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs are a recent expansion of the path to apprenticeships by the US Department of Labor. We recommend no further restrictions at the legislative or administrative level. Please allow all the flexibility allowed under the new rules from the US Department of Labor.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Washington Update

COVID-19 Relief Package

As inauguration day approaches, Senate Democrats are preparing to work with President-Elect Biden to quickly pass a major, multi-trillion dollar COVID-19 relief package as the economy continues to falter. While details of the package are still being discussed and the legislative text of the bill has not yet been released, President-Elect Biden has called for \$350 billion in direct, flexible funding to support state and local governments. This comes as welcome news for cities, which have been facing significant budget challenges and layoffs throughout the pandemic without any direct federal aid to date. Democrats are also hoping to secure another round of \$1,400 direct payments to Americans, an extension of rent forbearance and unemployment insurance, and \$30 billion in rent and utility assistance.

Additionally, the package is expected to include hundreds of billions of dollars to support a more efficient rollout of vaccines nationwide and to support the safe reopening of schools, along with financial assistance for struggling small businesses and the ailing transportation sector.

With Republican support for a stimulus package of this size unlikely, Democrats plan to use a budget process known as reconciliation to ensure passage of the bill, which allows a simple majority of lawmakers in the Senate to approve funding measures. Without the need for Republican support, the bill also may end up including significant funding for other Biden-Harris Administration priorities, including significant sums of money for infrastructure development, clean energy, and an expansion of Obamacare subsidies.

President-Elect Biden is also calling on Congress to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour from the current \$7.25 an hour. More details of the forthcoming proposal will be released later this week.

House Appropriations Committee

Rosa DeLauro, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, has selected Robin Juliano as the committee's next Democratic staff director and clerk. Robin Juliano, formerly an aide to the Senate Appropriations Committee and policy advisor for the HELP Committee, will take the place of Shalanda Young, who has been nominated by Biden for the role of Deputy Director at the Office of Management and Budget.

Matt Washington, a long-time aide to the House Appropriations Committee who currently services as clerk of the Legislative Branch subcommittee, will also be promoted to the position of deputy staff director. Previously, he served as clerk of the Military Construction-Veteran Affairs subcommittee and staff director for the House Homeland Security subcommittee.

HELP Committee and Education Updates

Senator Patty Murray (WA), incoming chairwoman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, recently outlined several of her priority issues for the committee including reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) and addressing systemic racism in higher education. It is expected that Senator Murray, a strong proponent of early-childhood education, will also work to secure additional funding for childcare in the next relief package.

Meanwhile, Miguel Cardona, President-Elect Biden's nominee for education secretary, may begin serving as acting head of the department on January 20th once Biden is sworn into office, prior to Senate confirmation.

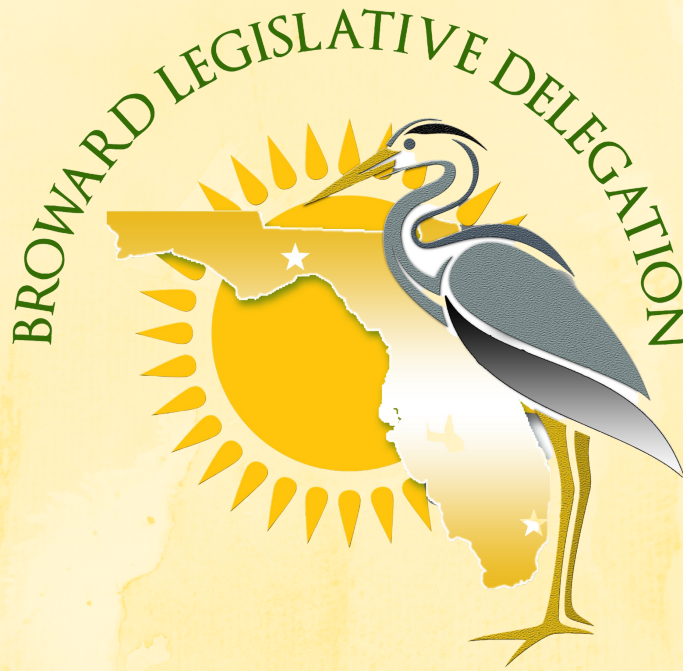
Also on the education front, President-Elect Biden has announced that he will request Congress to immediately cancel \$10,000 in student loan debt for all borrowers as many struggle to make their payments due to the impact of COVID-19.

Rapid Training Programs

On Tuesday, January 12, U.S. Chamber of Commerce CEO Tom Donohue called on Congress to provide funding for rapid training programs to help connect job seekers with the skills they need to succeed in new sectors of the economy, noting that employers should design the programs and saying, "If we do this right and do it quickly, we will improve the living standard for millions of Americans."

Unemployment Rate

In the week ending January 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 965,000, an increase of 181,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 3,000 from 787,000 to 784,000. The 4-week moving average was 834,250, an increase of 18,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 2,750 from 818,750 to 816,000. The advance seasonally adjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent for the week ending January 2, an increase of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate.



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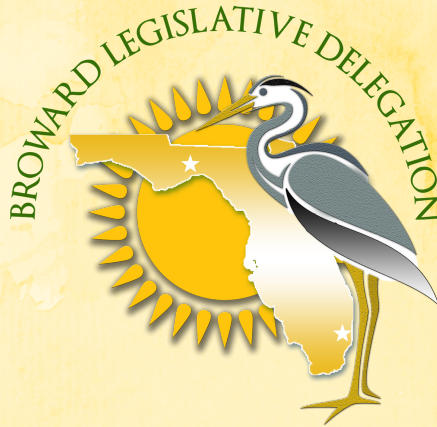


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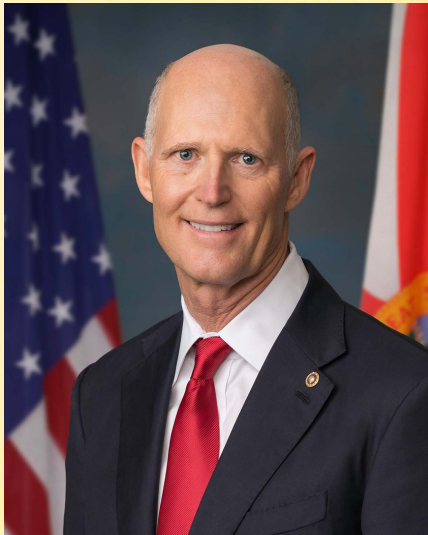
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August 1, 2020	Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))
January 29, 2021	5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
February 26, 2021	5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
March 2, 2021	Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))
April 17, 2021	Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4.(4)) All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8)
April 20, 2021	50 th day – last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2))
April 30, 2021	60 th day – last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)

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Bills on Funding the National Infrastructure Investment Program:			
<u>H.R.227:</u> 117 th Congress	SPONSORED by Rep. Alcee Hastings	To provide dedicated funding for the national infrastructure investment program and the capital investment grant program, and for other purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/6/21: House • Filed 1/6/21: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means
Bills on Hiring Veterans:			
<u>H.R.143:</u> 117 th Congress	SPONSORED by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to encourage private employers to hire veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the reasonable efforts an employer may make under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act with respect to hiring veterans, and for other purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/4/21: House • Filed 1/4/21: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Bills on Education and Technology:			
<u>H.R.210:</u> 117 th Congress	SPONSORED by Rep. Frank Lucas	To coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on STEM education and workforce development in rural areas, including the development and application of new technologies to support and improve rural STEM education, and for other purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/5/21: House • Filed 1/5/21: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Bills on Apprenticeship:			
<u>H.R.447:</u> 117 th Congress National Apprenticeship Act of 2021	SPONSORED by Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott	To amend the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly referred to as the "National Apprenticeship Act") and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprenticeships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and for other purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/25/21: House • Filed 1/25/21: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Bills on Reemployment Assistance:			
<u>SB 466:</u> Reemployment Assistance <u>Related Bills:</u> HB 207 SB 592 SB 644	GENERAL BILL by Sen. Randolph Bracy	Reemployment Assistance; Increasing the maximum weekly and yearly benefit amounts for reemployment assistance; increasing the duration of such benefits; reenacting provisions relating to attorney fees and short-time compensation, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/6/21: Senate • Filed 1/15/21: Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations
<u>SB 592:</u> Reemployment Assistance <u>Related Bills:</u> HB 207 SB 466 SB 644	GENERAL BILL by Sen. Bobby Powell	Reemployment Assistance; Creating a Reemployment Assistance Ombudsman Office within the Department of Economic Opportunity; specifying that unemployment commences on the date of unemployment rather than after registering with the department; revising the circumstances under which individuals are disqualified for benefits by virtue of voluntarily quitting; revising what constitutes employment for the purposes of reemployment assistance, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/12/21: Senate • Filed 1/21/21: Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations
<u>SB 644:</u> Reemployment Assistance <u>Related Bills:</u> HB 207 SB 466 SB 592	GENERAL BILL by Sen. Annette Taddeo	Reemployment Assistance; Increasing the minimum and maximum weekly and yearly benefit amounts for reemployment assistance; increasing the duration of such benefits; providing exceptions to reemployment assistance requirements during a declared state of emergency or public health emergency; creating the Reemployment Assistance Benefits Task Force adjunct to the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/14/21: Senate • Filed

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<p>HB 207: Reemployment Assistance</p> <p>Related Bills:</p> <p>SB 592 SB 466 SB 644</p>	<p>GENERAL BILL by Rep. Anna Eskamani Rep. Ben Diamond</p>	<p>Creates Reemployment Assistance Ombudsman Office within DEO; specifies that unemployment commences on date of unemployment; prohibits otherwise eligible individuals from being deemed ineligible for benefits solely because they seek, apply for, or are willing to accept only part-time work; revises eligibility requirements for receiving reemployment assistance benefits; suspends work requirements, work availability, & work search requirements during declared state of emergency & thereafter; removes provisions disqualifying individuals for benefits as result of drug use; revises minimum & maximum weekly benefit amounts & duration of benefits; revises eligibility requirements & cap for short-time compensation benefits..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/11/21: House • Filed • 1/22/21: Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee

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Bills on Apprenticeship:			
<u>SB 366:</u> Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Training <u>Related Bills:</u> HB 175	GENERAL BILL by Sen. Travis Hutson	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Training; Revising the general duties of the Department of Education with regard to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; revising the membership of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; providing that apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program sponsors are responsible for the selection and training of certain personnel, as approved by the department; encouraging state university boards of trustees and apprenticeship program sponsors to cooperate in developing and establishing apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs that include career instruction, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/22/20: Senate • Filed • 1/11/20: Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
<u>HB 175:</u> Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs <u>Related Bills:</u> SB 366	GENERAL BILL by Rep. Jason Shoaf	Revises requirements of DOE's annual report on apprenticeship & preapprenticeship programs; provides DOE's duties relating to apprenticeship programs; revises membership of State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; provides that parents of public school students be informed of workforce education opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/6/21: House • Filed • 1/20/21: Now in Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

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Excerpts From 2021
Community Partner
Legislative Positions Involving
Workforce and Economic
Development

Additionally, for informational purposes, below are the Community Partner 2021 legislative positions that relate to workforce and economic development.

Broward County 2021 State Legislative and Executive Program positions to:

1. **Support** continued funding for organizations providing pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, or internship programs for disadvantaged youth and for organizations providing re-entry programs.
2. **Support** policy proposals and funding for workforce development, apprenticeship, and pre-apprenticeship programs.
3. **Support** legislation that would increase funding for economic development programs in low-income/high poverty communities and create programs, which would stimulate economic development within Broward County.
4. **Support** legislation that assists small and disadvantaged businesses through such capacity building components as access to banking and financing, insurance and bonding, business development, technical assistance trainings, workforce development and mentor-protégé programming.

Broward County Public Schools 2021 State Legislative Priorities

1. Provide adequate funding for Post-Secondary Workforce Education per the funding needs as identified in the State DOE Funding Model.
2. Continue statewide funding for CTE Industry Certifications, which are attained by Post-Secondary students included on the Performance Incentive Funding list.
3. Continue to support the Governor's initiative to expand apprenticeship programs (Pathways to Career Opportunity Grant).

The Florida Public Technical College System 2021 Legislative Platform

1. Continue to appropriate \$6.5 million to school district's workforce education programs for performance-based industry certifications earned by post-secondary students in the 2021-2022 school year.
 - **Rationale:** The attainment of recognized industry credential(s) is critical component of every CTE program and an expected outcome for each student. Sufficient funds are needed in order to maintain the level of reimbursement per credential at \$1000. These performance dollars are used to pay for the cost of the third party exams and to support our career and technical programs.

2. To authorize Technical Colleges in Florida to offer an Associate of Science degree in nursing for their students who have completed the licensed practical nursing program and passed the State NCLEX exam.
 - **Rationale:** The acute shortage of registered nurses in Florida and throughout the nation has a significant negative impact on the quality of health care. We propose creating a career pathway for the graduates of our Practical Nursing programs who have passed the NCLEX, to enroll in an RN program (ASN degree) at our Technical Colleges. This will extend and increase the pipeline for qualified healthcare professionals. The process for offering this AS degree in the technical college system would follow a similar model as the state college system uses when expanding their Bachelor degree programs.
3. Approve categorical funding for Technical Colleges to open and expand new CTE instructional programs that are deemed high wage, high skill, and in high demand to meet regional and state employment needs.
 - **Rationale:** Current allocation levels do not adequately provide sufficient funds to open new CTE programs that meet industry standards, i.e. personnel, facility, and equipment costs.

The United Way of Broward County 2021 Legislative Agenda, specifically the Financial Stability position to:

1. Capitalize on opportunities to enhance Florida workforce development activities and initiatives, such as supporting initiatives that advance the development of our local talent along with funding for apprenticeships.

The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association 2021 Legislative priorities to:

1. **Increase Funding for VISIT FLORIDA to \$75 Million** - The tourism industry is the backbone of Florida's economy. As Florida seeks to recover from the economic destruction of COVID-19, the marketing and promotion of Florida has never been more important. The data shows that investing in tourism marketing is an investment in economic growth for the whole state. Increased funding is necessary to increase tourism and facilitate recovery from the pandemic's devastating impacts to this industry.
2. **Property Tax Relief** - Tourism-dependent businesses will struggle to pay their property taxes because of the financial impact of the pandemic. State policies can be enacted to reduce this struggle. We support offering meaningful payment deferrals and installment payment plans. We also support the waiving of penalties for payments that are late or incomplete due to the pandemic's impact on a business.

3. **Tax Credits** - Tax credits can provide much-needed relief and support for Florida's struggling businesses. Tax credits for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can help offset the increased expense businesses have incurred in purchasing this necessary equipment. Tax credits for the hiring of new personnel can provide financial incentives and support to make more job opportunities available for Floridians.

The Regional Manufacturers Associations in Florida 2021 Legislative Priorities to:

1. Support policies that encourage and establish vocational education at the earliest possible grade levels leading to career and technical education. Establish long range viability for the manufacturing workforce and emphasize the link between education and the jobs available today as well as the future.
2. Support the establishment of a steady pipeline through apprenticeships that will contribute to the attraction of advanced manufacturing companies. Apprenticeships are a proven training method benefitting both job seekers and businesses, leading to high-pay/high-skill careers.
3. Support increased investment in the new and incumbent worker training initiatives at CareerSource Florida essential to the development and maintenance of that workforce. Continuous training and upskilling the incumbent workforce is critical to staying abreast, if not ahead, of the technology demands of the 21st century.
4. Engage students and parents early, exploring ways to provide exposure to robotics, automation, and computer programming to primary and secondary school students. Build awareness and promote careers in advanced manufacturing as a high-wage, high-skill career pathway.
5. Strengthen economic development initiatives – specifically those at the Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Space Florida, and local economic development organizations -- that promote the development, retention, and expansion of Florida's 21st century manufacturing economy, including defense, aviation and aerospace, life sciences including medical technology, and electronics and computer equipment, as examples.

Florida Children's Council 2021 Legislative priorities to:

1. Support programs and strategies that produce evidenced based results that mitigate recidivism, do not disproportionately affect youth based on color or background, and allow for state attorney discretion on filing charges against juveniles who receive concurrent civil citations.

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Community Partner

Full Legislative Agendas

- [Broward County State Legislative and Executive Program](#)
- [Broward County Public Schools State Legislative Priorities](#)
- [Florida's Public Technical College System Legislative Platform](#)
- [United Way of Broward County Consensus Legislative Agenda](#)
- [FL Restaurant & Lodging Association Legislative Priorities](#)
- [FL Regional Manufacturers Associations Draft Legislative Priorities](#)
- [Florida Children's Council 2021 Legislative Priorities](#)

Date

Congressman Ted Deutch
U.S. House of Representatives
Congressional District 22
9500 W. Sample Road
Coral Springs, FL 33065

Dear Congressman Deutch:

We are writing to you to encourage consideration of inclusion of a role for the local workforce development boards in federal legislation that funds climate control and infrastructure projects. When federal dollars are funneled down to the local workforce development boards, they have the flexibility and ability to immediately deploy the funds to the job seekers and employers who will initiate these projects.

Workforce boards have a history of knowing how to connect workers with jobs. Not that long ago as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, workforce boards implemented summer youth programs and shovel ready projects across the country. More recently, local boards have implemented Temporary Worker Programs and Cares Act Programs in coordination with local government.

We would be happy to talk to you about how local boards can be a critical component of getting America back to work and implementing the proposed infrastructure projects. Thank you for taking the time to read our recommendation and we look forward to meeting with you at your convenience when you are available in your home office.

Sincerely,

BROWARD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD



STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY REGIONALISM (SPPDLAR) COMMITTEE

Strategic Planning Matrix for 2021

Frank Horkey,
BWDB Chair

Dr. Steve Tinsley,
SPPDLAR Chair

Carol Hylton,
President/CEO

CareerSource Broward Mission:

To provide innovative solutions through the professional delivery of quality services, which consistently and effectively meet workforce needs.

CareerSource Broward Vision:

To be the premier workforce agency facilitating better jobs and providing quality workers that enhances the quality of life and builds a sustainable economy for Broward County.

**Strategic Planning Policy Development Legislative Advocacy
Regionalism (SPPDLAR) Committee Goal:**

To formulate strategic plans and shape and champion local policy, aligned with state and federal workforce development legislations and statewide administrative issues and collaborative partnerships.

STATE STRATEGIC GOAL: Lead the nation in global competitiveness as a location for talent, business, innovation and tourism.

SIX PILLAR: Civic and Governance Systems

BWDB/CareerSource Broward Strategic Goal #6: Develop and utilize a legislative agenda to improve employment services and opportunities in Florida.

Objective	Success Strategies	Benchmark / Performance Measures	Anticipated Due Date	Comments
<p>6.0</p> <p>Develop/update local workforce board Legislative Agenda for state and federal advocacy.</p>	Provide Broward County Legislative Delegation to board members for advocacy purposes.	SPPDLAR committee reviews the legislative agendas and provides feedback to CSBD staff for revision.	May 2021	
	Update a list to match up board members to legislators with those they have an existing relationship.	List of matched legislative contacts with BWDB members updated.	May 2021	
<p>6.1</p> <p>BWDB members will contact state and local legislators to invite them to visit CSBD Centers.</p>	Provide Broward County Legislative Delegation list to BWDB Members.	SPPDLAR committee contacts the Broward County Legislation Delegation to promote the BWDB Legislative Agenda.	May 2021	
		SPPDLAR committee members send out meeting invitations to state and local legislators.	May 2021	

STATE STRATEGIC GOAL: Lead the nation in global competitiveness as a location for talent, business, innovation and tourism.**SIX PILLAR: Civic and Governance Systems****BWDB/CareerSource Broward Strategic Goal #2: Maintain our role as workforce development leaders through advocacy by the board, collaboration, and providing information and intelligence to stakeholders with feedback from the community.**

Objective	Success Strategies	Benchmark / Performance Measures	Anticipated Due Date	Comments
2.0 Educate the Broward County Delegation representatives, other workforce boards, the Governor and/or Governor aides and the community about CSBD and what it is doing.	Continue to provide a unified message to communicate to legislators.	Increase knowledge of CSBD services by Broward County Delegation. CSBD information disseminated to legislators.	Ongoing	
	Provide CSBD information to legislators and CSBD BWDB members.	Unified message published and distributed to SPPDLAR Committee members.		
	CSBD Senior Leadership and BWDB members will attend local and legislative events (either in person or virtually) to develop better relationships with champions in committees related to workforce development.	CSBD Senior Leadership and BWDB members attend workforce development events.		
	Engage BWDB to advocate its legislative agenda and encourage Board involvement.	State legislative agenda distributed to Florida workforce boards and key partners.		

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Objective	Success Strategies	Benchmark / Performance Measures	Anticipated Due Date	Comments
2.0 Educate the Broward County Delegation representatives, other workforce boards, the Governor and/or Governor aides and the community about CSBD and what it is doing.	Encourage more individual board outreach in the community. Board members should also be ambassadors to educate the community about CSBD services.	Key Board members designated to represent CSBD to promote the agency.	Ongoing	