



CareerSource Broward
Council of Elected Officials
Monday, April 7, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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MEETING MINUTES

CareerSource Broward
2890 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

The Council was reminded of the conflict-of-interest provisions.

ATTENDEES IN-PERSON: Mayor Beam Furr, Mayor Josh Levy, and Mayor Dean Trantalis, who chaired the meeting.

STAFF: Ron Moffett, Rochelle Daniels, and Samantha Vazquez.

At the start of the meeting, Ron Moffett, Executive Vice President, reminded the Council that he would be representing Carol Hylton, President, as she could not attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Artificial Intelligence (AI) Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Pilot Program Funds

Considered the acceptance of \$300,000 from FloridaCommerce to assist eligible incumbent workers whose jobs are at risk due to automation and AI advancements with upskilling and reskilling to retain employment. These IWT funds will be used to cover a percentage of the training costs pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requirements and must be used by 6/30/25, the end of the grant period. Approved at the 3/26 BWDB meeting. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to improve the sustainability of the workforce system through increased funding, technology and relevancy.*)

Mayor Josh Levy asked Ron Moffett to present the item.

Mr. Moffett explained that following a conversation between President/CEO Carol Hylton and Board Chair Jim Ryan, she contacted CareerSource Florida (CSF) to request the availability of training funds for employers whose workers were being impacted by AI. CSF contacted Ms. Hylton to let her know that they had \$300,000 available however the funds had to be spent by June 30, 2025.

Mr. Moffett added that to make employers aware of this training opportunity, we informed our board members and asked our business intermediaries, including the chambers, to contact their roster of employers. Several Board Members immediately expressed their interest in training their employees. To comply with the FloridaCommerce Related Party requirements applicable to board members, and given the limited time to spend the funds, we called this meeting to expedite the acceptance and approval process. Mr. Moffett noted that the recommendation to accept the funds was approved at the 3/26 Board meeting.

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Mayor Beam Furr, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved the acceptance of \$300,000 from FloridaCommerce to assist eligible incumbent workers whose jobs are at risk due to automation and AI advancements with upskilling and reskilling to retain employment.

2. Broward Health Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding Broward Health an IWT grant in the amount of up to \$25,000. The funds will be used for about 25 employees who need AI training to perform their job duties. CSBD will contribute 50% toward the total cost of the training. Because Board Member Shane Strum is the President/CEO of Broward Health a 2/3 vote of the Board was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.*)

Mayor Josh Levy asked Ron Moffett to introduce and present the item. Mr. Moffett reviewed the grant application and the process for approving IWT grant applications from companies represented on the BWDB stating that regardless of the amount requested, the award must be approved by a 2/3rd vote of the BWDB which they did at their meeting on 3/26. Mr. Moffett added that such contracts over \$10,000 must also be approved by Florida Commerce prior to the contract start.

On a motion made by Mayor Beam Furr and seconded by Mayor Josh Levy, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding Broward Health an IWT grant of up to \$25,000.

3. Advanced Roofing Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding Advanced Roofing an IWT grant in the amount up to \$26,500 to train about 30 employees on AI impacts on the roofing sector through AI-powered inspections, automated estimates, and predictive maintenance. CSBD will contribute 50% toward the total cost of the training. Because Board Officer Kevin Kornahrens is employed by Advanced Roofing, a 2/3 vote of the Board was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.*)

Mayor Josh Levy asked Ron Moffett to introduce the item and review the recommendation which he did. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Beam Furr and seconded by Mayor Josh Levy, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding Advanced Roofing an IWT grant of up to \$26,500.

4. Locality Bank Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding Locality Bank an IWT grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 to train about 15 employees with respect to AI fraud prevention and to enhance concierge banking services. CSBD will contribute 90% toward the total cost of the training. Because Keith Costello, is a partner, and Heiko Dobrikow, is the Chair of the bank's advisory board and a shareholder a 2/3 vote of the Board was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.*)

Mayor Josh Levy asked Ron Moffett to introduce the item and review the recommendation which he did. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Beam Furr and seconded by Mayor Josh Levy, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding Locality Bank an IWT grant of up to \$25,000.

5. LAN Infotech Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding LAN Infotech an IWT grant in the amount of up to \$25,000 to train about five (5) Help Desk Engineers who need training in deployment of tools such as Remote Monitoring Management Tool. Professional Automation Tool, Azure Virtual Desktop Specialty. SonicWall Network Security Professional (SNSP) to maintain their jobs. CSBD will contribute 90% toward the total cost of the training. Because Board Member Michael Goldstein is the President of LAN Infotech, a 2/3 vote of the Board members was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. (*This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.*)

Mayor Josh Levy asked Ron Moffett to present the item.

Before doing so, Mr. Moffett acknowledged that Mayor Dean Trantalis had joined the meeting.

Mayor Josh Levy welcomed Mayor Trantalis and provided an update on the actions already taken by the Council. Mayor Trantalis affirmed his vote in support of the previous items.

Mr. Moffett then proceeded to review the recommendation. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Mayor Beam Furr, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding LAN Infotech an IWT grant of up to \$25,000.

6. Riverside Hotel Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding the Las Olas Company, Inc., the parent company of the Riverside Hotel, an IWT grant in the amount of up to \$20,000 to train about 9 employees whose jobs will be impacted with the advent of AI. CSBD will contribute 50% toward the total cost of the training. Because Board Member Heiko Dobrikow is the EVP & General Manager of the Las Olas Company a 2/3 vote of the Board was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.)*

Mayor Dean Trantalis asked Ron Moffett to introduce the item and review the recommendation which he did. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Beam Furr and seconded by Mayor Josh Levy, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding LOC, the parent company of the Riverside Hotel, an IWT grant of up to \$20,000.

7. Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance (GFLA) an IWT grant in the amount of up to \$11,000 to train about 22 employees whose jobs will be impacted by the advent of AI. CSBD will contribute 90% toward the total cost of the training. Because Board Member Bob Swindell is the President of GFLA, a 2/3 vote was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.)*

Mayor Dean Trantalis asked Ron Moffett to present the item. Mr. Moffett provided a summary of the recommendation stating that the item was similar in nature to the previous grant applications from Board members. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Josh Levy and seconded by Mayor Beam Furr, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding GFLA an IWT grant of up to \$11,000.

8. The School Board of Broward County Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Grant Application

Considered awarding the School Board of Broward County an IWT grant in the amount of up to \$50,000 to train about 35 teachers who are required to be adept in the use of AI in the classroom or be at risk of being replaced. CSBD will contribute 50% toward the total cost of the training. Because Board Member Dr. Howard Hepburn is the Superintendent of Schools, a 2/3 vote was required. Approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board members present after a quorum was established at the 3/26 meeting. *(This is in alignment with the Board goal to encourage employers by engaging and identifying their needs, and education and connecting them to the workforce system to produce innovative solutions.)*

Mayor Dean Trantalis asked Ron Moffett to introduce the item and review the recommendation which he did. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mayor Beam Furr and seconded by Mayor Josh Levy, the CareerSource Broward Council of Elected Officials unanimously approved awarding the School Board of Broward County an IWT grant of up to \$50,000.

Rochelle Daniels commented that a press release was also issued to inform the community about the availability of these funds, generating additional interest. She noted that while several Board members expressed interest in participating, based on past experience, not all may submit the required documentation. As a result, a significant portion of the funds is still expected to be awarded throughout the general business community.

REPORT

1. Upcoming 2025 Board Planning Session

The 2025 Board Planning Session is scheduled for 4/24 following a short board meeting as we have done in previous years. Please plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m. Workgroup thought questions will include topics covering 1) local labor market conditions 2) steps we should take based on the effect of AI on the labor force 3) the silver tsunami and 4) WIOA reauthorization.

Ron Moffett reminded the Council about the Board Planning Session scheduled for Thursday, 4/24, noting that Mark Wilson and Henry Mack III are confirmed speakers. He shared that we hope the Council will be able to attend and stated that the minutes from this meeting will be presented for approval during the Board Meeting immediately preceding the Planning Session.

Mayor Beam Furr confirmed that the invitation was on his calendar and that he plans to attend.

MATTERS FROM THE CAREERSOURCE BROWARD COUNCIL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Josh Levy raised a question about the scope and depth of the AI training funded by the grant. He noted that while many are familiar with casual applications like ChatGPT, it would be valuable for decision-makers to better understand the magnitude and substance of the training. He suggested that CSBD arrange for a presentation to the Council and Board to assess its potential impact on Broward County industries and to determine whether to increase support for such efforts.

Mayor Beam Furr agreed, referencing a recent Broward Workshop presentation that highlighted more advanced applications of AI and the need for training. He emphasized the importance of understanding AI's broader workforce potential and noted that Carol Hylton, who attended the workshop, would be familiar with the opportunities it presents.

Ron Moffett stated that the training content varies depending on the worker's role and background, ranging from general awareness to technical deep dives. He stated that he would speak with Ms. Hylton to discuss the next steps in arranging a presentation to the governing boards at an upcoming meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

MATTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

None.

ADJOURNMENT 12:18 p.m.

<p><i>THE DATE OF THE NEXT BROWARD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD/ CAREERSOURCE BROWARD COUNCIL MEETING IS APRIL 24, 2025.</i></p>
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