

**First Coast Workforce Development Consortium**  
**Meeting on March 24, 2023**

Chair Larry Harvey called to order a teleconference meeting of the First Coast Workforce Development Consortium on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The following members were present, representing a quorum.

Present:           Mark Hartley - Baker County  
                      Jim Renninger - Clay County  
                      Larry Harvey – Putnam County  
                      Roy Alaimo – St. John’s County  
                      Aaron Bowman - Duval County

Absent/Excused:

Staff:               Bruce Ferguson, Rebecca Livingston, Steven Dionisio, Cheryl Taylor, Jay Loy

**Public Comment:** None

**\*Action Items**

**\*Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2022, FCWD Consortium Meeting**

Motion to approve the September 28, 2022, FCWD Consortium Meeting minutes made by Commissioner Renninger and seconded by Commissioner Hartley. Motion unanimously carried and minutes approved as presented.

**\*Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Audit**

Mr. Richard Powell of Powell & Jones CPA presented the annual audit for fiscal year 2021-2022. Cash flow and expenses were reviewed. There were no findings or questions. Motion to accept the 2021-2022 Annual Audit made by Councilman Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Hartley; motion unanimously carried.

**\*Appointment of new CareerSource NEFL Board Member**

The Clay County Economic Development Council has nominated Mr. Robert Williams. Mr. Williams is the Senior Director for Niagara Bottling in Clay County. Advanced Manufacturing is one of our regional targeted industry groups. Mr. Williams' biography and nomination letter was reviewed. Motion to accept the appointment made by Commissioner Hartley and seconded by Councilman Bowman. Motion unanimously carried and appointment accepted.

**\*Operations Update**

The EY report was finalized and presented to the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors in February in Tallahassee. The Board was presented 3 options which included mergers. Our region was not impacted by any of the options. The recommendation is now out for public comment.

The employment data for January 2023 was presented and reviewed. We saw a nice uptick in traffic in our career centers. Discussion occurred.

**Adjournment**

The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.