



**First Coast Workforce Development Consortium  
Meeting on June 20, 2024**

Chair Larry Harvey called to order a teleconference meeting of the First Coast Workforce Development Consortium on Monday, June 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. The following members were present, representing a quorum.

Present:        Larry Harvey – Putnam County  
                    Jim Renninger - Clay County  
                    Mark Hartley - Baker County  
                    A.M. “Hupp” Huppmann - Nassau County

Absent/Excused: Roy Alaimo – St. John’s County

Staff present:    Bruce Ferguson, Rebecca Livingston, Steven Dionisio, Cheryl Taylor, Ivette Berrios,  
                         Jay Loy, Angie Pineiro

**Public Comment:** None

**\*Action Items**

**\*Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2024, FCWD Consortium Meeting**

Motion to approve the March 25, 2024, FCWD Consortium Meeting minutes made by Commissioner Renninger and seconded by Commissioner Huppmann. Motion unanimously carried and minutes approved as presented.

**\*Approval of the 2024-2025 FCWD Consortium Budget**

- The FCWD Consortium Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 was presented and reviewed by the Consortium. There was another reduction of approximately \$300,000 in our WIOA funds (Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker) this year and about a \$200,000 reduction in welfare transition funds. We have reduced staffing levels by seven FTE’s. This was done by eliminating vacant positions and therefore saving just over \$500,000. There was also an increase on the FRS based on legislature’s adjustments.

Motion to accept the 2024-2025 FCWD Consortium Budget made by Commissioner Huppmann and seconded by Commissioner Hartley; motion unanimously carried and audit accepted.

**\*Approval of the 2024-2025 CareerSource NEFL Budget**

- The CareerSource NEFL Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 was presented and reviewed by the Consortium. The budget has been approved by the Board of Directors. This budget includes our leases and IT costs.

Motion to accept the 2024-2025 CareerSource NEFL Budget made by Commissioner Huppmann and seconded by Commissioner Hartley; motion unanimously carried and audit accepted.

**\*Approval of the 2024-2025 Performance Metrics**

- House Bill 7013 was passed regarding Special Districts which states that we must establish goals and objectives by the end of the fiscal year, as well as performance measures and standards. The 2024-2025 Performance Metrics were presented to the Consortium. These are our federal performance metrics for our WIOA funds.

Motion to accept the 2024-2025 Performance Metrics made by Commissioner Huppmann and seconded by Commissioner Renninger; motion unanimously carried and audit accepted.

**\*Operations Update**

The April 2024 employment statistics were presented and reviewed. The unemployment rate remains low. There were 15,000 new net jobs year-over-year. We saw an increase in job seekers in our centers which is very encouraging. Job orders are down a bit but are common with other regions.

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Cheryl A. Taylor is the new CEO for CareerSource NEFL. She will be setting up a meeting with each county commissioner. The Consortium members congratulated Cheryl Taylor and wished Bruce Ferguson well on his retirement.

**Adjournment**

The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.