



**First Coast Workforce Development Consortium
Meeting on June 26, 2023**

Chair Larry Harvey called to order a teleconference meeting of the First Coast Workforce Development Consortium on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. The following members were present, representing a quorum.

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

Absent/Excused: Mark Hartley - Baker County

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

Public Comment: None

***Action Items**

***Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2023, FCWD Consortium Meeting**

Motion to approve the March 24, 2023, FCWD Consortium Meeting minutes made by Councilman Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Renninger. Motion unanimously carried and minutes approved as presented.

***Approval of FCWD Consortium Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

- The FCWD Consortium 2023-2024 annual budget is primarily made up of staff across 6 counties. The budget includes a salary increase to recognize tenure across the organization. The salary proposal is 2% for employees with at least 1 to 5 years of service; 3% for 5 to 10 years of service; and 4% for those with over 10 years of service. We have reduced the number of FTEs from 132 to 127 for this year. The budget also includes a 4% performance-based incentive that will come later in the year. Finance and Administrative Professional fees increased as we are in the process of implementing a new more efficient and automated payroll system with Paycom.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 FCWD Consortium Budget made by Commissioner Renninger and seconded by Councilman Bowman; motion unanimously carried.

***Approval of CareerSource NEFL Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

The CareerSource NEFL Budget is an overall budget beyond staffing.

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 CareerSource NEFL Budget made by Councilman Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Renninger. Motion unanimously carried and appointment accepted.

***Operations Update**

The May 2023 employment statistics were reviewed. There was a slight increase in the unemployment rate, but this is quite normal for the month of May. This is a regular seasonal uptick with graduates entering the labor market. We saw strong job growth with almost 32,000 net new jobs from May 2022 through May 2023. There was growth in every category including professional and business services. Job orders were steady between 2,700 – 2,800 each month this year and picked up slightly in the last 3 months. Over 200 jobseekers attended our recruitment events in May which is well above the running average and higher than April 2022.

Our region received a new letter grade for the 3rd quarter: 99.33% making us #2 in the state. We received 5 points of extra credit for lifting people out of poverty. We hit all 18 out of 18 benchmarks. We are very pleased with our team and their hard work.

Adjournment

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