



# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

CareerSource Tampa Bay  
Mar 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM EDT  
@ Zoom Meeting

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Sean Butler (remote), Elizabeth Gutierrez (remote), Gary Hartfield (remote), Benjamin Hom (remote)

### **Absent:**

Members: Commissioner Hagan, Dr. Brian Mann, Steve Morey, Donald Noble, Audrey Ziegler

## **Staff Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Saleema Bennett (remote), Leondra Foster (remote), Dr. Byron Clayton (remote), Sheila Doyle (remote), John Flanagan (remote), Kay Jefferson (remote), Chad Kunerth (remote), Michelle Schultz (remote), Don Shepherd (remote), Tammy Stahlgren (remote), Doug Tobin (remote), April Torregiante (remote), Michelle Zieziula (remote)

Guests: Paul Casebolt - EDSI (remote), Elizabeth Ventura - EDSI (remote), Henry Queen - Tampa Bay Business Journal (remote)

Board Counsel: Mary Hellen Farris (remote)

Board Liaison : Ken Jones (remote)

I. Call to order, Welcome and Roll Call (Presenters: Sean Butler)

II. Pledge of Allegiance (Presenters: Sean Butler)

Chair, Sean Butler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

III. Public Comments

There were none.

IV. Approval of Minutes (Presenters: Sean Butler)

A. September 15, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

### **Motion:**

To approve the September 15, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

The motion carried.

V. Board Counsel Report (Presenters: Mary Helen Farris)

Nothing new to report but is available as needed.

VI. CEO Report (Presenters: John Flanagan)

There was not a CEO Report.

VII. Discussion Items

A. 2023 Legislative Talking Points (Presenters: John Flanagan)

1. Florida REACH Act Consolidation

The CareerSource Florida Board reviewed the recommendations in the Future State Options Report released on February 17, 2023, and voted on February 24, 2023, to consolidate Pinellas & Hillsborough County workforce boards. The next step in the process is for public comments to take place before Governor DeSantis makes a final decision. This report was completed by an independent third party who interviewed the Workforce Boards and stakeholders, including state and local representatives.

The link below will keep you updated on public meetings and documents on the REACH Act Implementation page. The plan can be found on page 34 of the Future State Options Report.

<https://careersourceflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Future-State-Options-Report.pdf>

This consolidation action would consolidate two single-county areas, Pinellas (area 14) and Hillsborough (area 15), into one local workforce development area. It would bring the total population of this newly created local workforce development area to just over 2.4 million residents. The action would be driven by the strong labor market ties the two counties have with one another.

Relative to the successes in the region led by CareerSource Tampa Bay, Mr. Flanagan pointed to some of the initiatives that have been implemented at CSTB. In addition to excelling at the core programming through WIOA, a Summer Youth Program was created, Career Pathways was created to help the public through new job search and exploration tools - including a Career Clarity Pod and new Career Pathways Portal, and a research arm that benefits customers like United Way Suncoast. CSTB is leading the way in creating new sources of revenue through professional services too.

If a merger takes place as expected, it is imperative that the entrepreneurial spirit and initiatives created by CSTB don't get lost in the merger. In the meantime, conversations are taking place between individuals at both CareerSource locations.

2. Florida REACH Act Workforce Development Board Letter Grades

No discussion occurred.

3. CSTB Information Item

No discussion occurred.

B. Ad Hoc System Redesign Committee meeting

It was the recommendation of the executive committee to place a hold on the Ad Hoc System Redesign Committee because of the new realignment proposal.

VIII. Future Business

There was none.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Tammy Stahlgren, Administrative Services Coordinator.