CareerSource Tampa Bay Workforce Solutions Committee Minutes

CareerSource Tampa Bay
1/7/2026 10:00 AMEST
@ Meridian One: 4350 W Cypress Street, Suite 875 Tampa, FL 33607

Committee Members

Present:
Warren Brooks (remote), Elizabeth Gutierrez (remote), Mark Hunt (remote), Michael Jalazo (remote), Dr. Brian Mann (remote), April Neumann (remote), Jeremy Robinson (remote), Elizabeth Siplin (remote), Kenneth Williams (remote), Joseph Eletto (remote), John Howell (remote), Robert Blount, III (remote), Brian Nathan (remote), Esther Sanni (remote), Kenny Wooton (remote)

Absent:
Mercedes Young, Dr. Cynthia Johnson

CareerSource Tampa Bay Staff
Sheila Doyle, Chad Kunerth, Keidrian Kunkel, Anna Munro, Tammy Stahlgren (remote), Doug Tobin (remote), Saleema Bennett, Melissa Carroll, Jason Druding, Leondra Foster (remote), Barry Martin (remote), Michelle Moeller (remote), Michelle Schultz (remote), Don Shepherd (remote), April Torregiante

Other Present
Jonathan Wolf - Hillsborough County (remote), Paul Casebolt - EDSI, Nicholas D'Amico -Collab First (remote), Joe Romero-Collab First (remote)

I. Call to order, Welcome and Roll Call (Presenters: Warren Brooks)

Scott Brooks, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

II. Public Comments (Presenters: Warren Brooks)

There were none.

III. Mission Moment (Presenters: Jason Druding)

Jason Druding and Collab First representatives Joe Romero and Nicholas D'Amico highlighted their broadband apprenticeship programs, resulting in 11 job placements, with Nicholas sharing his personal experience and the role of career coaching in achieving employment.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of the Minutes - October 8, 2025 (Presenters: Warren Brooks)

Motion:
To approve the minutes of October 8, 2025 Workforce Solutions Committee meeting.

Motion moved by Mark Hunt and motion seconded by Brian Mann. Motion carried.

B. Approval of New Training Provider and Programs (Presenters: Melissa Carroll)

The committee discussed the South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning's new EPA Section 608 training program. While completion and employment rates were noted, members expressed concerns about program length, cost, value, and limited outcome data.

Motion:
To approve South Florida Academy of Air Conditioning's application as a new provider and new training program for inclusion on CSTB's ETPL.

Motion moved by Elizabeth Siplin and motion seconded by Joe Eletto. A roll call vote was taken. Motion failed.

Robert Blount III- Yes
Scott Brooks - No
Joe Eletto -No
Elizabeth Gutierrez - Nay
John Howell- Aye
Mark Hunt - Nay
Michael Jalazo - Nay
Dr. Johnson - not present
Brian Mann - Nay
Esther Sanni -Nay
Brian Nathan - Not present
April Neumann - Nay
Jeremy Robison - Nay
Elizabeth Siplin - Nay
Ken Williams - Not present
Kenny Wotton - Nay
Mercedes Young - Not present.

V. Information Items

A. REACH Performance Review (Presenters: Chad Kunerth)

Chad Kunerth provided an overview of the REACH performance review, indicating that we received a score of 93.33.

The full report can be found in the agenda packet.

B. WIOA Primary Indicators of Performance: PY 2526 Q1 (Presenters: Chad Kunerth)

Chad Kunerth reported on the WIOA Primary Indicators noting that 11 out of 18 measures are being exceeded.
The full report can be found in the agenda packet.

C. Living Wage (Presenters: Chad Kunerth)

Chad Kunerth presented a living wage analysis using the MIT Living Wage Calculator to compare family income levels before and after program enrollment. The analysis showed an increase in the percentage of families earning above the living wage, particularly among one- and two-person households. Chad indicated the results were generally as expected and emphasized the ongoing goal of increasing wages.

The full report is included in the agenda packet.

D. Success Story (Presenters: Saleema Bennett)

Saleema Bennett presented a participant success story highlighting a successful transition to employment through the Welfare Transition Program, supported by career coaching, supportive services, volunteer work experience, and Workforce Wednesday participation.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Tammy Stahlgren, Executive Administrative Assistant.