

Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2020

3:00 pm

Members Present:

Joel Schleicher, Chair
Michelle Dennard, Vice Chair
Tim Cerio
Chancellor Marshall Criser
Marva Johnson
Adrienne Johnston for Dane Eagle
Chancellor Eric Hall for Commissioner Richard Corcoran
Chancellor Kathy Hebda
Bob O’Leary for Bob Boyd
Representative Rene Plasencia
Jamal Sowell
Bob Ward
Mark Wilson

Members Excused: Senator Hutson, Chancellor Henry Mack, Justin Berkowitz

Others Present:

- Katie Crofoot
- Nicole Duque

I. Welcome, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

- Joel Schleicher welcomed members.
- Joel Schleicher led the invocation, and Bob Ward led the pledge of allegiance.
- Katie Crofoot called roll.
- Council members approved the October 27, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

II. Calendar Discussion

Members approved the 2021 council meeting schedule.

III. Meeting Objectives

Joel Schleicher reviewed the meeting objectives.

IV. Discussion: Strategic Priority Two (Part One)

Michelle Dennard reviewed the following aspects of workforce readiness:

- Apprenticeships and work-based learning
- Early career-related education and exposure
- Essential and occupational skills gaps
- Career pathways
- Increasing postsecondary transitions and credential attainment

V. Presentation

- Jamie Grant, State Chief Information Officer

VI. Discussion: Strategic Priority Two (Part Two)

Mark Wilson reviewed the Florida 2030 Blueprint and the Florida Workforce 2030 report.

Topics included:

- Alignment of policy and systems to workforce needs
- Workforce priorities from job creators in Florida
- Career pathways with a focus on industry needs
- Work-based learning and training programs
- Equity gaps

VII. Discussion: Strategic Priority Three

Katie Crofoot introduced strategic priority three, and she presented the opportunity for members to highlight some examples of cross-sector collaboration in the meeting as well as the option to highlight some examples more in depth at future meetings. Below are some examples mentioned by members during this discussion.

- Valencia College recently announced a partnership with Orange County government, Osceola County government and CareerSource Central Florida to provide vocational training to residents for jobs that employers are hiring for currently including manufacturing, commercial truck driving and other occupations.
- The Tampa Bay Partnership, business/industry leaders, community leaders, local universities and colleges, and CareerSource came together to discuss a strategic plan for talent needs in the region.
- Randall Construction has a partnership with Orange County Public Schools to provide at-risk students the opportunity to work a paid internship where they learn new skills (e.g. HVAC) and are matched with a mentor from the company.

VIII. Public Comment

No public comment.

IX. Next Steps

- Michelle Dennard will be spearheading the rebranding of the strategic plan and will give a status update at the December 21 meeting.
- Representative Plasencia will speak to the Council at the December 21 meeting on engaging in the legislative process.
- Members are encouraged to submit examples of cross-sector collaboration that they would like to highlight at future meetings.
- Staff will work on identifying meeting spaces in Tallahassee for 2021.

X. Adjourn

Joel Schleicher adjourned the meeting.