

**Youth Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Gary Ritter, Council Chair. Mr. Ritter inquired if any Requests for Public Comment had been made and was advised that none had.

II. Introductions

Roll was called to identify and confirm committee members present in the room and those participating by phone. Staff and others present were identified. It was determined that quorum had been established. See end of minutes for all attendees.

III. Action Items:

A. Youth Contract Budget Adjustments for 2023-24

Referring to the action item in the agenda packet, Donna Doubleday (CSH President/CEO) explained that Florida Commerce received a waiver from the U.S. Department of Labor to lower the WIOA Out-of-School Youth (OSY) funds expenditure requirement from 75 to 50 percent. The intent is to expand opportunities at the local level for recruitment and enrollment of at-risk in-school youth (ISY) who could benefit from the services of the workforce system.

During discussion, Mike Davis (SFSC Panther Youth Coordinator) explained since Covid data has shown an increase in the number of high-school drop-outs. He indicated that the shift in funding will support the increasing needs of in-school youth. As related by Mr. Davis, the proposed re-balancing will realign the service goal to 110 participants for each program (ISY & OSY) which will more effectively address local needs.

In response to a committee member asking if the needs of OSY would be negatively impacted by this realignment of funding, it was explained that in addition to the OSY program, WIOA Adult funds may also be available to support individuals 18 years of age or older.

- A motion was made by committee member, Raymond Royce to recommend to the Board the amendment of the total budget amounts for CSH's contracts with SFSC/PYP for In and Out-of-School services, increasing In-School Youth to \$314,890.50 and decreasing Out-of-School Youth to \$320,533.50 for PY 2023-24.
- Motion seconded by committee member, Glenn West.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Joshua Exendine, CSH Board member and SFSC employee, abstained from voting and signed a conflict-of-interest form.

IV. Other

No other business was brought before the Youth Council.

V. Adjourn

Council Chair, Gary Ritter, adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Committee members present and participating: Gary Ritter (Chair), Leigh Ann Bellamy, Joshua Exendine, Skylar Harrison, Christen Johnson, Christina Martin, Raymond Royce, Glenn West

Committee members absent: Amanda Wilson

Public attendance: Mike Davis

CSH staff present: Donna Doubleday, Ann Martin, Michele Arena, and Brian Mercurio