#### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY**

Meeting Date:	<u>May 15, 2007</u>	[ ] [ ] [X]	Consent Ordinance Board Appointment	Regular Public Hearing	[]	GN	
Department: By:	Administration Workforce Alliance	, Inc.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
			EXECUTIVE BRIEF	=			

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Appointment of Mary L. Watford for a term of three (3) years beginning on May 15, 2007 to May 15, 2010 as follows:

Appointment	Seat No.	Term	Area of Representation	Position/Employer	Nominated By
Mary L. Watford	6	5/15/07 Through 5/15/10	Vocational Rehabilitation	Region Director Vocational Rehabilitation (Florida Dept. of Education)	Vocational Rehabilitation Division Florida Department of Education

**Summary:** The membership of Workforce Alliance, Inc. (Alliance) conforms to the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, and the Workforce Innovation Act of 2000. The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requests that an emphasis be placed on CEO's or highest level of management positions for both community and business sector appointments.

**Background and Policy Issues:** Public Law 105-220 (WIA 1998) Section 117 (b) (4) states that a majority of the members of the local board shall be representatives of business in the local area who are owners, chief executives or operating officers, and other business executives, or employers with optimum policy making or hiring authority; or represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities of the local area.

Policy for this item is defined in clause 2.3 of Document #R2004-0838, an agreement between Palm Beach County, Florida and Alliance dated May 4, 2004 herewith quoted: "2.3 An agreement, as required by Section 445.007(4) of the Workforce Innovation Act, shall be established between the local elected officials and the established Alliance which shall include at least 51% from the private sector who shall be chief executives, chief operating officers, owners of business concerns, which may include from time to time, without limitation, the Palms West Chamber of Commerce, the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Council of the Palm Beaches, or other private sector executives with substantial management or policy responsibility, school district, public and non-public post-secondary educational institutions, community college, economic development agencies including the Palm Beach County Business Development Board or organizations, county commissioners, vocational rehabilitation, state workforce development agencies, health district, organized labor, former Alliance Chairs, community-based organizations, one-stop partners, and a welfare transition participant."

The Alliance Board of Directors respectfully requests approval of one (1) appointment – Mary L. Watford for May 15, 2007 to April 15, 2010.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Board of County Commissioners Board Appointment Information Form
- 2. Letters supporting appointment

Recommended by:

Approved by

Alliance President/CE

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Date

Assistant County Attorney

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## **INFORMATION FORM**

## Part One: Board

Board Name: Workforce Alliance, Inc. At Large [X] or District [] Special Requirements of the Seat: \*Reappointment [] or New Appointment [X] or [ ] to complete the term of\_ due to resignation of\_\_\_ Larry Jordan Term of Appointment: <u>3</u> years from <u>May 15, 2007</u> To <u>April 30, 2010</u> Part Two: Applicant (Unless exempted, must be a County resident) Name: Mary L Watford Occupation/Affiliation: Florida Dept. of Education – Vocational Rehabilitation Division Resident Address: 11 East Braman Court City & State: Zip Code: \_ Fort Myers 33901 Business Address: 4110 Center Pointe Drive City & State: Fort Myers Zip Code:\_ <u>33196</u>

Minority Identification Code: (Circle One)

Home Phone:

IF	(American Indian Female)	IM	(American Indian Male)
AF	(Asian Female)	AM	(Asian Male)
BF	(Black Female)	BM	(Black Male)
HF	(Hispanic Female)	НМ	(Hispanic Male)
WF	(White Female)	WM	(White Male)

#### Part Three: Commissioner Comments

5/15/07 Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on:

\*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number and nature of previously disclosed voting conflicts shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners.

Business Phone: (239) 278-7317

Number of previously disclosed voting conflicts

Karky Schnud Alliance President/CEC Signature:

<u>4-19-07</u> Date



5<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners County Administration 301 North Olive West Palm Beach

Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Workforce Alliance Board of Directors, I am respectfully requesting the appointment of Mary L. Watford, Area 5 Director for Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to the Workforce Alliance Board of Directors.

Criteria for being nominated and appointed to Workforce Alliance Board are that candidates be Chief Executive Officers or highest level of management positions as well as a residence of Palm Beach County, unless exempted. Please note that Ms. Watford is located in the Fort Myers area; however, in her role as Area 5 Director she is in charge of seven counties including the Palm Beach County regional office.

In addition, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation representation is one of the mandated One-Stop partners required by Workforce Florida, Inc. to comprise Workforce Alliance Board.

Based on this information, we are requesting your approval for the appointment of Mary L. Watford to the Workforce Alliance Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

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Kathryn Schmidt President/CEO

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John L. Winn Commissioner of Education

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February 19, 2007

Workforce Alliance Administrative Office Attention: Kathryn Schmidt 326 Fern Street- Suite 301 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

This is in response to your request to replace Larry Jordan, Area 5 Supervisor, after his resignation from the Board because of his relocation. I have recently reorganized the Area and no longer have this position located in Palm Beach County. However, as Area 5 Director, I would be delighted myself to serve as a Board member.

Area 5 covers a seven county area in South and Southwest Florida with three Workforce regions. I currently sit on the Region 22 Broward Workforce Development Board and Region 24 Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. I serve as the Chair of the First Jobs/First Wages Committee in SFWDB and as a committee member on Workforce One's Better Jobs/Better Wages. Both Boards, however, are processing a committee restructuring plan. In addition, I am a member of the Regional Leadership Team in Region 24.

I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and have my Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Tennessee. I have served in the rehabilitation field in the States of Virginia and Tennessee as well as Florida. I have been in the Administrative area of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Florida Department of Education since August 1985. I have a special interest in youth in transition from schools to careers and am committed to workforce development.

I am available at (239) 278-7317 if you need to contact me and will wait for further word on my approval from the Board. Thank you again for this consideration.

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