

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 24, 2012

☐ Consent
☐ Ordinance

☒ Regular
☐ Public Hearing

Department: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, Requesting Support for Continued Local Control of Regional Workforce Boards in the State of Florida; Withdrawal of Proposals that Directly Contradict Local Authority Specifically Provided for by the Federal Workforce Investment Act and Reduce Local Control; Support of Alternative Legislation for Increased Regional Workforce Board Transparency and Accountability, and Transmittal of the Document to Various State Elected Officials, Administrators, Associations and Regional Workforce Boards.

Summary: On July 10, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved an Interlocal Agreement (R2007-1220) creating the Palm Beach County Workforce Development Consortium. Under the Interlocal Agreement, Workforce Alliance, Inc. (Alliance) acts as the fiscal agent, grant recipient, and administrative entity for funding sources that support workforce development activities for Region 21, Palm Beach County. The Interlocal Agreement empowers the BCC to appoint 17 (85%) of the private sector members to the Alliance Board of Directors.

A perceived lack of oversight of Workforce Consortiums by local elected officials across the State has prompted the Legislature to propose the Workforce Board Accountability Act (HB 7023). It is the opinion of the Florida League of Cities and County Staff that many of the provisions contained in the Act would significantly affect the operation, responsibilities, and local control of Alliance. Countywide (TKF)

Background and Policy Issues: Public Law 105-220, WIA, enacted by the Congress of the United States, effective August 1998 established a program to provide universal access to workforce development services for the businesses and citizens of Palm Beach County. The State of Florida's Workforce Development Board (WDB), Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI), was created by the Legislature in 2000, has been designated by the Governor to take the lead in designing and directing Florida's Workforce Development Strategy and to designate Workforce Development areas. The County of Palm Beach has been designated by the Governor of the State of Florida as a Workforce Development Region (Region 21).

Attachments:

1. Resolution

Recommended by:


Asst. County Administrator

Date

1/9/12

Approved by:


County Administrator

Date

1/12/12

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Costs	0	0	0	0	0
External Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Program Income (County)	0	0	0	0	0
In-Kind Match (County)	0	0	0	0	0
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
# Additional FTE Positions (Cumulative)	0	0	0	0	0

Is Item Included in Current Budget: Yes _____ No _____

Budget Account No:

Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

OFMB Fiscal and/or

OFMB

Legal Sufficiency:

Assistant County Attorney

Other Department Review:

Department Director

Contract Development & Control
Comments:

Contract Dev. & Control

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED LOCAL CONTROL OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS THAT DIRECTLY CONTRADICT LOCAL AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR BY THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND REDUCE LOCAL CONTROL; SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE LEGISLATION FOR INCREASED REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARD TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSMITTAL OF THE DOCUMENT TO VARIOUS STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSOCIATIONS AND REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS.

WHEREAS, in 1998 Congress passed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to maximize federally funded job training programs and to create a comprehensive workforce investment system; and

WHEREAS, the workforce system is designed for the Federal, State and Local partners to work together. Local workforce investment boards, in partnership with local elected officials, plan and oversee the local system while the state level workforce investment board provides statewide policy, guidance and interpretations; and

WHEREAS, local governments through local Boards of County Commissioners provide local control for the workforce system so that talent supply, job creation and other services important to local citizens are determined by local decision making; and

WHEREAS, On July 10, 2007 the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners entered into an Interlocal Agreement creating the Palm Beach Workforce Development Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement empowers the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to appoint 85% of the private sector members to the Workforce Alliance, Inc (Alliance) Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement designates Alliance as the fiscal agent, grant recipient and administrative entity to administer such funding sources as may be available to support workforce development activities in Region 21, Palm Beach County, Florida.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County does not support any proposals that weaken local control of the Regional Workforce Boards, including the direct contradiction of the local authority specifically provided for by the Federal Workforce Investment Act, and believes that accountability and transparency are essential to good governance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby requests that HB 7023 and SB 1398 be withdrawn, as they do not support local governance provisions of the Workforce Investment Act and requests that the Governor's Office work with the Florida Association of Counties, Florida Workforce Development Association and the Chairman and Executive Director of Workforce Florida, Inc. to draft new legislation that provides for additional oversight to local elected officials regarding the delegation of fiscal and grant recipient functions, administration, finance and program performance.

The County Administrator is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor Rick Scott; State Senate President Mike Haridopolos; Speaker of the House, Representative Dean Cannon; the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and the Regional Workforce Board Chair.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

SHELLEY VANA

STEVEN L. ABRAMS

BURT AARONSON

KAREN T. MARCUS

PAULETTE BURDICK

JESS R. SANTAMARIA

PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of January, 2012.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

**ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK,
Clerk and Comptroller**

By: _____



By: _____

Deputy Clerk