

## **CareerSource Tampa Bay Executive Committee Emergency Meeting**

**Date:** February 2, 2018, 1:30PM  
**Location:** 4902 Eisenhower Blvd.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Dick Peck called the meeting to order at approximate 1:35 PM. There was a quorum present with the following Executive Committee members participating.

### **Committee Members in attendance**

Sean Butler, Shannon Evans, Tim Harding, Betsy Irizarry, John Kearney, Randall King, Commissioner Sandra Murman, Dick Peck, Darren Veneri\*

### **Staff Present**

Edward Peachey, Mai Russell, Kimberly Williams, Michael Bundy

### **Guests**

Kenneth Jones, Charles Harris, Christine Beck, various members of the media.

\*denotes attended via telephone

### **Action/Discussion Items**

#### **Discussion 1: Update on recent issues impacting CareerSource Tampa Bay**

Chairman Peck referred to the letter addressed to Workforce Stakeholders dated January 24, 2018. A copy of the letter was provided in the meeting packet. He opened the floor for questions and comments. There was none.

#### **Discussion 2: Governor Rick Scott letter to the Board of Directors dates January 26, 2018**

Chairman Peck referred members' attention to the letter from Governor Rick Scott dated January 26, 2018 and the response letter from Chairman Peck dated January 29, 2018. A copy of both letters was provided in the meeting packet. He opened the floor for questions and comments. There was none.

#### **Action 3: Options for Moving Forward**

A copy of the letter from CareerSource Pinellas Board Chair dated February 1, 2018 was provided in the meeting packet.

The following points of discussion ensued:

- Commissioner Murman reported the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners met and made a motion that has been made [by Mr. John Kearney]. She requested the BOCC's motion be made part of the record *"That we would suspend the CEO/Executive Director, Mr. Peachey, while the investigation is going on. Not have any contact with employees until the investigation of local, state, and federal is complete. Suspend [Mr. Peachey] without pay. We are going to reevaluate all [board member] candidates that have applied recently or have been appointed. All new*

*applicants will be screened by the county staff first, then forwarded to CareerSource for review.”* The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously, 7 – 0.

- Clarification on whether the Hillsborough BOCC’s motion should be made part of the original motion made by John Kearney. Commissioner Murman confirmed she seconded the motion made by John Kearney.
- Reasons why the Hillsborough BOCC is recommending suspending without pay. Particularly when there has been no evidence of mispending of fund or any malfeasance. The following reasons were provided: the seriousness of the misconduct and allegations, especially when there might be potential misused of federal dollars; breach of trust with the public.
- How long will the [internal] investigation take place? The investigation [on job placement reporting] will take about 7 – 9 days.
- Should the motion reflects that the committee have their recommendation made at a certain time? There was a consensus to not limit the time period in the event other additional information may be requested.

Motion: John Kearney

Second: Commissioner Sandra Murman

Motion:

*The Executive Committee recommends forming an ad hoc committee of CareerSource Tampa Bay to join CareerSource Pinellas ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing the findings of the internal investigation. The ad hoc committee will consider its next action and makes recommendation to the Executive Committee and the full Board. Edward Peachey will be placed on administrative leave without pay.*

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Other Administrative Matters**

### **County Liaison**

Commissioner Murman recommended that a county staff be assigned to serve as county liaison with CareerSource Tampa Bay.

Motion: Commissioner Murman

Seconded: Sean Butler

Motion:

*The Executive Committee recommends County Staff, Kenneth Jones to serve as County Liaison with CareerSource Tampa Bay.*

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

Public comments in a form of Q&A were made by Ms. Chambers of ABC Action News; Mr. Pettiford of Bay News 9, and Mr. Douglas of WFLA.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.