



**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE**

Date: January 4, 2016  
Time: 10:45 a.m.  
Place: South Florida Regional Council  
3440 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 140  
Hollywood, Florida 33021

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute (SEFRPI) Board of Directors was held on January 4, 2016, at the above location.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call**

President Walters called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and Boardmember Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Boardmember Patricia Asseff  
Boardmember Mario J. Bailey  
Boardmember Margaret Bates  
Boardmember Mark Bogen (absent)  
Boardmember Frank Caplan  
Boardmember Daniella Levine Cava (absent)  
Boardmember Tim Daubert  
Boardmember Cary Goldberg  
Boardmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)  
Boardmember Martin Kiar (via phone)  
Boardmember George Neugent (via phone)  
Boardmember David Rice (via phone)  
Boardmember Greg Ross  
Boardmember Tim Ryan (absent)  
Boardmember Xavier Suarez (via phone)  
Boardmember Paul Wallace  
President Sandra Walters  
Boardmember Jimmy Weekley

Mr. Sam Goren, Legal Counsel was present.

The following Ex-Officio Members were present:

Ms. Lisa Colmenares attended, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI  
Ms. Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District

The following Ex-Officio Members were absent:

The Honorable Roberto Martell, representing the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity /  
Mayor of the Town of Medley  
Ms. Jill Creech, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

## **II. Approval of SEFRPI Agenda**

Boardmember Goldberg made a motion to approve the Agenda. Boardmember Ross seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **III. Action Items**

### **A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Boardmember Bailey made a motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Boardmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

### **B. Financial Report**

Boardmember Ross made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Boardmember Caplan seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

## **IV. Program Reports and Activities**

### **A. An Economic Profile of Southeast Florida**

Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo explained the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute (SEFRPI) is a 501.C(3) and helps in serving our community and mission for the Council. She stated that the demographic and regional data platforms, an interactive site for data commons, are some of the programs that are part of the SEFRPI. She stated that the SEFRPI is also a funding vehicle to support some activities of the Council.

Richard Ogburn stated the following Report focuses on recently released demographic data for Southeast Florida and referenced the Bureau of the Census's 2014 American Community Survey (ACS) as the source. He explained the importance of the role of international migration and its effect on the demographics in the Southeast Florida Region. He gave details on the origin of those living in the seven-county region and the importance of the migration from other countries to South Florida in comparison to the rest of the country. Mr. Ogburn explained the various increases and decreases of the foreign-born and the in/out migration of foreign population.

Boardmember Asseff questioned if the report showed the break out of the countries of origination. Mr. Ogburn explained that a break out of the place of birth is available, and he would get that information.

There was discussion on the ranking of metropolitan areas in the United States with regard to the proportion of foreign-born; Mr. Ogburn stated that he would get that information if it is of interest to the Boardmembers.

Mr. Ogburn pointed to the significant fall of foreign-born coming into Southeast Florida since the beginning of the recession in 2007, which contributed to an overall slowing in the pace of growth. However, the decline in international migration was partially replaced by a higher proportion of domestic migration. He stated that there are some statistics distinguishing the foreign population from the native foreign population for comparison, but there are some issues in lack of detail. He explained the comparison of the elderly who migrated in the 50's – 70's and the younger generation who have recently migrated to the area. There was an inquiry if adopted children from other countries fall into the foreign born category and Mr. Ogburn replied yes. Mr. Ogburn reminded the Boardmembers that this is a sample survey (by household) not a census.

Boardmember Wallace inquired if any one county in the region was growing faster overall. Mr. Ogburn stated that in absolute terms his recollection was the Miami-Dade County continues to lead. Palm Beach County was the leader for the first couple of years in percentage rate of growth among the large counties. Broward County is in the middle.

**V. Proposed Meeting Schedule**

- A. May 2, 2016, 10:30 a.m. (Murray E. Nelson Government Center, Key Largo)
- B. September 12, 2016, 10:30 a.m. (FDOT District 6 Auditorium, Miami-Dade County)

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

This signature is to attest that the undersigned is the Secretary of the SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE and that the information provided herein is the true and correct minutes for the January 4, 2016 meeting of the SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2016.

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Sandra Walters, President

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Patty T. Asseff, Secretary

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