



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

Date: January 28, 2019
Place: South Florida Regional Planning Council
1 Oakwood Boulevard, Suite 250
Hollywood, FL 33020

The Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute (SEFRPI) Board of Directors met on January 28, 2019, at the above location. President Caplan called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance had been said earlier prior to the Nominating Committee Meeting preceding the SEFRPI Meeting.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Boardmember Patricia Asseff
Boardmember Mario J. Bailey (via phone)
Boardmember Margaret Bates
President Frank Caplan
Boardmember Daniella Levine Cava
Boardmember Tim Daubert
Boardmember José (Pepe) Diaz (via phone)
Boardmember Beam Furr
Boardmember Steve Geller
Boardmember Cary Goldberg
Boardmember Nelson Hernandez (absent)
Boardmember Samuel Kaufman
Boardmember David Rice (absent)
Boardmember Greg Ross (absent)
Boardmember Michael Udine
Boardmember Sandra Walters (absent)

Isabel Cosio Carballo, SEFRPI Executive Director, and Sam Goren, Legal Counsel, were present.

The following Ex-Officio Member was present:

Ken Jeffries, for Dat Huynh, representing the Florida Department of Transportation, District VI

The following Ex-Officio Members were absent:

Laura Corry, representing the South Florida Water Management District
Jennifer Smith, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

II. Approval of SEFRPI Agenda

Boardmember Levine Cava moved to approve the Council Agenda. Boardmember Udine seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Boardmember Levine Cava moved to approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Boardmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Financial Report

Manny Cela, of Council staff, stated there were no anomalies to report. Two financial reports were presented: Financial Report for FY Ended 9/30/18 and Financial Report for the period of October 1 – December 31, 2018.

Boardmember Geller moved to approve the Financial Report. Boardmember Daubert seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

Executive Director Isabel Cosio Carballo gave a brief history of the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute (SEFRPI), formerly known as the Institute of Community Collaboration (ICC). In the past, the ICC's primary function was meeting facilitation and consensus building among stakeholders on community and regional issues. The Council worked with many local governments on these issues. We would like to offer these services once again. The SEFRPI is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit. This enables entities who are unable to contract with government agencies to work with the Council through the SEFRPI.

Mrs. Cosio Carballo updated the Boardmembers on the new office and Council staff.

Program Reports and Activities

Mrs. Cosio Carballo introduced Dick Ogburn, former Council staff, who is contracted to assist with demographic projects, census information, economic impact assessment, etc. Mr. Ogburn reviewed the handout regarding the "Place of Birth by Citizenship Status" from the Census Bureau's 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) for the Southeast Florida Region. He mentioned that there is a discussion about adding a question on the 2020 Census regarding citizenship. There are concerns that a citizen criteria question could discourage some residents from responding, therefore effecting the decennial head count. The handout shows that data about citizenship status is being collected through the ACS, which is based on a sample of households. The Census Bureau estimates that 45% of South Florida's residents are foreign-born and over 900,000 are not citizens. The inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census could result in an undercount of residents in Florida and other states with large immigrant populations. This could impact the distribution of Congressional Representatives among the states, along with federal funding allocations for the next decade. There was discussion on the legal proceedings to include/remove the Citizenship question. Immigration in other countries was discussed.

Mr. Ogburn reviewed the history of the Southeast Florida Economic Forecasting Partnership, formed in 1993, made up initially of the seven counties in Southeast Florida, the SFRPC and TCRPC, and the South Florida Water Management District. The purpose of the Partnership is to bring a systematic approach to economic impact analysis in the region. The Partnership acquired Policy Insight, an eight-area economic and demographic forecasting model, from Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). He explained that the model is configured for each of the seven counties, plus an eighth area that is comprised of the remainder of the State. The model can produce analysis of economic policy decisions and projects in 72 economic sectors, for periods up to 2060. Members of the Partnership have used the model for fifteen years; the active partners at this time are Palm Beach and Miami-Dade County. The Partnership meets several times each year to discuss economic impact assessment, with technical support from REMI.

IV. Adjourn

Boardmember Geller moved to approve to Adjourn the meeting of the Southeast Florida Regional Prosperity Institute. Boardmember Furr seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 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 28, 2019 meeting of the SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL PROSPERITY INSTITUTE adopted the 27th day of January 2020.

Greg Ross, President

Date

Samuel Kaufman, Secretary

Date