

**Task Force Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 9, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

**Committee Members****Present:** Keven Barber, Lindsey Hack, Hope Kennedy, Tom Mudano,  
Lori Romano, Sophia Watson**Absent:** None**Quorum Present:** Yes**Others Present:**PHWB Staff – Brenda Gause, Theresa Miner, Jerome Salatino, Kenneth Russ,  
Ania Williams**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair, Hope Kennedy.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

**Action Item 1 – Scholarship Suggestion**

Committee members reviewed the scholarship suggestion to commemorate past Board Chairs and key leadership, by establishing a scholarship fund in their name. Mark Earl, David Lambert, Lex Smith, and Mark Barry were identified and recommended for addition of their names to the current scholarship fund list.

By consensus of the committee, it was recommended that the action item be moved to the recommend column.

MOTION carried 6-0.

**Discussion Item 1 – Special Projects**

The Committee reviewed the Special Projects List and discussed the various programs and training opportunities in the Pasco-Hernando region. Career exploration, education assistance, employer training, non-profit organizations, special population, and transportation have been identified as areas with the greatest need for assistance. Discussion included drafting of a policy to provide staff and committee members with guidance and flexibility regarding fund distribution.

**Discussion Item 2 – Scholarships**

Committee members reviewed the scholarship guidelines and sample application, along with current scholarship opportunities in the area. Discussion included criteria and requirements for scholarship assistance.



**Information Item 1 – Targeted Industries**

Committee members reviewed the 2023-24 Regional Demand Occupations List and the targeted sectors for Pasco and Hernando counties.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

