

**MINUTES – September 27, 2016**

**FloridaWest Economic Development Alliance – Board of Director’s Meeting  
 Greater Pensacola Chamber, 117 W Garden Street – Boardroom**

Members Present: Vice President Gary Sammons, Secretary Tim Haag, Donnie McMahan, Lewis Bear, Jr., and Rebecca Ferguson

Staff Present: Scott Luth, Sena Maddison, Kelly Reeser, and Libby Brown

Others Present: Todd Thomson, Chris Walker, Autumn Brinson, and Michelle Taylor.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Sammons at 1:58 pm.
2. **Public Notice:** This meeting was publicly noticed on
3. **Public Comment:** Vice President Sammons asked the room if there was any public comment. Todd Thomson, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Greater Pensacola Chamber, addressed the board to brief them about worker’s compensation rates due to rise by an average of 14.5% starting December 1 of this year. The Greater Pensacola Chamber has partnered with a number of business organizations and other local chambers to advocate for a legislative solution that will stabilize rates and curb any additional increases. Other organizations that have joined this effort include: Northwest Florida Homebuilders Assn, Northwest Florida Manufacturers Assn, NAIOP, the Direct Marketers Organization (hoteliers) and the Perdido Key, Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze Chambers of Commerce. The earliest a legislative fix could be implemented is during the 2017 legislative session.
4. **Action Items**
  - a. **Approve August 10 Meeting Minutes:** Gary Sammons asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 10, 2016 meeting minutes.
  - b. Approve August Financials
 

	Chris Walker
i. CIE Rent Update	Scott Luth
ii. FY 16-17 Budget Update	Scott Luth
5. **Board of Director’s Officer Nominations**

	Gary Sammons
a. President	
b. Vice President	
c. Secretary	
d. Treasurer	
6. **Discussion Items**

	Gary Sammons
a. By-Laws Review	Gary Sammons
b. Private Sector Fundraising	Gary Sammons
c. Presentation: Economic & Workforce Development	Michelle Taylor
d. Economic Development Updates	Scott Luth
i. Program of Work	Scott Luth
e. Board Forum	Gary Sammons
7. **Adjourn**

	Gary Sammons
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**ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 19, 2016 at 12 noon at the Greater Pensacola Chamber in the Boardroom.**