

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

August 16, 2005

SUBJECT: Valencia Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for Sand Lake Special Purpose Center in Orange County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College for a Special Purpose Center designation at Sand Lake in South Central Orange County.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Education's strategic imperative to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning is achieved with the approval of this request for the special purpose center. Rule 6A-14.0061 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education (successor to the State Board of Community Colleges) review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. Based on the documentation presented by the college for the new site, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 are satisfied. The college is requesting designation of a special purpose center to serve as the location for the Valencia Enterprises program. Valencia Enterprises primarily serves the business sector in a wide range of customer-driven continuing workforce education classes, comprehensive learning programs for frontline, middle, and upper management workers, professionals engaged in regulated industries, construction, healthcare, human resources, information technology and public safety. (See the proposal for a complete description of other services). Because of the explosive growth in Central Florida and the college serving this business special purpose, this request is justified.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061 F.A.C.

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