

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent items
March 21, 2006

SUBJECT: South Florida Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for the Lake Placid Special Purpose Center

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval

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, FAC., entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. To obtain State support, the facilities must be designated a campus, center or special purpose center. Based on the documentation presented by the college, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC., are satisfied. The college is requesting designation of a special purpose center to provide classes and training programs for an underserved population of economically and educationally disadvantaged citizens. The property and facilities were given to the College's Foundation by the Highlands County School Board and has been an instructional site of the College since 1990. The programs have now grown to the level that the sites need the additional State support provided by the designation. The enrollment at the site is now above 285 FTE. The Foundation will transfer the land and facilities to the college at no cost (see the Letter of Request for a complete description). In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to an underserved population, this request for a Special Purpose Center is justified.

Request for a waiver for this item. Yes No

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, and Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC.

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