

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Consent Item

April 18, 2006

**SUBJECT: Palm Beach Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for West Central Campus**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Palm Beach Community College for a Campus designation in West Central Palm Beach 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 student opportunities for access and advancement is achieved with the approval of this request for a new campus. 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 review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. To obtain State capital outlay and operating 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 are satisfied. The college is requesting designation of a campus to provide better access to the courses and programs offered by the College. This additional campus will serve the citizens residing in this rapidly growing west side area of Palm Beach County. This new campus is justified because of traffic and transportation issues in the western part of the county, where driving time is now close to an hour to get to the existing campuses. The existing campuses are at or near their current capacity. The goal is to expand instructional and support services to meet the demand of a growing population and assure the high school graduates in the area have a chance to pursue post-secondary education to prepare them to enter the workforce or advance to higher degrees. The western part of the county, which includes the areas of Royal Palm Beach/Acreage/Wellington, are somewhat remote to the existing campuses. The enrollment has grown at the college by nearly 10 percent over the last five years. In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to an underserved population, this request for a new campus is justified to better serve the west side of the county.

Request for a waiver for this item. Yes  No

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

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