

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

June 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Central Florida Community College's Request for a Site Designation for a Commercial Driving Program Special Purpose Center

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

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 facility 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 special purpose center to continue to provide specialized training programs for commercial vehicles drivers, law enforcement recruits, officers, and emergency medical technicians. The property is leased to the College through a long-term lease from the City of Ocala at the Ocala International Airport. The College has been providing this training since 1996 for programs in commercial driving, law enforcement and emergency medical training. The site will qualify for additional State support provided by the designation. The enrollment at the site has increased by 9.6% in enrollment over the last year. In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to learning programs in vocational fields to serve the local population, this request for a Special Purpose Center is justified.

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

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