

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

June 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Hillsborough Community College's Request for a Site Designation for Workforce and Public Safety Programs 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 capital outlay and operating 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 meet the need and higher demand for highly trained and skilled automotive collision repair services professionals. The College leased facilities, apparatus and props, however the facility is inadequate in size and quality and fails to provide the level of instruction now needed to students in this area. Additional space is needed in the public safety programs at the Ybor City Campus, because of the increase in the enrollment. The college identified and purchased, with their own funds, a site 3.2 miles east of the Ybor City Campus that will better service the students and programs. Due to the nature of hazards associated with the police (gun ranges) and firefighter (flammables) training, this type of training facility is not compatible with normal "public access" type of facilities, such as on other existing campuses. The programs will be administered out of the Ybor City Campus.

In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to specific needed professional training to their citizens, this request for a new special purpose center is justified to better serve Palm Beach County.

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

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