

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Valencia Community College - Request Site Designation Approval for a Southeast Campus in Orange County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College for a Campus site designation in Southeast Orange County.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6H-1.040 Florida Administrative Code 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 6H-1.040 are satisfied except one. The college is requesting an exception as allowed in part (7) of the Rule to waive the requirement that all existing campuses have reached 3,000 FTE's as specified in part (5) (c) of the Rule. The Osceola Campus has only achieved 1,649 FTE in 2001/2002 but due to the geographic separation of southeast Orange county and the limited roadways from northeast Osceola County it makes it unlikely that students living in southeast Orange County would commute to Valencia's Osceola Campus even if space were available, which it is not. Because of the explosive growth in Central Florida and that the college's East Campus has over 6,800 FTE and is reaching near it's capacity due to limited land availability and infrastructure allowed, this request is justified.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, proposal and SBOE Rule 6H-1.040 F.A.C.

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