

**CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION  
BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

DATE: August 8, 2017  
PLACE: Enterprise Center, Ocala, FL  
TIME: 9 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Melfi, CHAMPS Software  
Mark Paugh, College of Central Florida  
Pete Beasley, Rasmussen College  
Rachel Riley, Citrus Memorial  
Phil Geist, SBDC  
Kevin Sheilley, Ocala-Marion CEP

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Don Taylor, Citrus EDC  
Mark Vianello, Marion County Schools  
Debra Stanley, Citrus County Schools  
Diana Hammond, Taylor College  
Carol Jones, Levy County School Board  
David Pieklik, Nature Coast EDC  
Amy Meek, United Way Citrus

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Peter Shepis, Vocational Rehabilitation  
Rusty Skinner, CSCLM  
Laura Isaacs, CSCLM

Dale French, CSCLM  
Brenda Chrisman, CSCLM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Melfi, Chair, at 9:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Laura Isaacs called roll and a quorum declared present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rachel Riley made **a motion** to approve the minutes from the Feb. 14, 2017, meeting. Phil Geist **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items on the agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Rusty Skinner presented information about 2017-18 business and economic development goals, including:

- Expand Talent Pipeline series
  - Add 20 businesses (Citrus and Levy; IT)
  - Improving Talent Center's software
  - Begin Educational element in Citrus (Duke Grant)
  - Use Marion Soft Skills Survey to plan soft skills series
- Promote Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship (MRMA; Construction)
- Improve Business Services in Levy County

Kevin Sheilley noted that the Ocala – Marion CEP, CareerSource CLLM and local schools are all aligned on goals and strategies, especially related to soft skills and sector strategy. He also suggested that partners present a structured program to businesses when discussing OJTs and recruiting for internships.

Phil Geist suggested that CSCLM and apprentice programs explore associated certifications.

Pete Shipley from Vocational Rehabilitation shared information about on-the-job training and supported employment for youth.

Brenda Chrisman shared that Marion County Public Schools, CareerSource CLM, MRMA, and the Ocala-Marion CEP have partnered to apply for a Florida job growth grant to purchase a CDL simulator with intentions to train 24 CDL drivers during the first year of the program.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

- Talent Pipeline Video Project – Rusty Skinner shared information about the Career Awareness Talent Pipeline Video Project. He stated that the business portion of the project should be finished by mid-September.

## **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

## **APPROVED:**

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