



**CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION
Consortium**

MINUTES

DATE: December 18, 2025
PLACE: CareerSource CLM – 14 Street Career Center
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Barek
Commissioner Hodge
Commissioner Zalak

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER ATTENDEES

Dale French, CSCLM
Cira Schnettler, CSCLM

Bob Stermer, CSCLM Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Zalak, Chair, at 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Cira Schnettler called roll, and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Barek made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Hodge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State Update

- Dale French reviewed the performance improvement plan response letter. The letter was sent to State representatives on December 10, 2025. We are awaiting their response and suggestions. We are working with staff to develop goals to address the issues and will create a performance dashboard spreadsheet for these quarterly meetings.

Workforce Issues Important to Our Community

Commissioner Barek stated that Citrus County continues to struggle with high

unemployment. There was discussion about the factors that contribute to the unemployment rate. Citrus County also has created a program through public transportation that will assist job seekers with transportation to and from work.

Board Membership Status

Dale French reviewed the four vacancies. One private sector vacancy in Marion, one economic development vacancy, and two private sector in Levy. He encouraged members to identify members in their communities that would be a good fit for the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PROJECT UPDATES

Broadband Scorecard

Dale French explained that the Broadband program continues to have successful enrollments. The grant serves Levy County and nine other counties along the rural corridor going north. Several young adults are making good salaries through the program. The committee agreed that using their testimonials would have a positive impact to encourage high school students to explore broadband career paths.

YouthBuild Marion/Citrus

Dale French was happy to share that the Marion YouthBuild participants are working on their second of four houses in the grant with 23 enrollments.

The Citrus County program has 4 participants that are working on the Habitat of Citrus Springs project.

Board Member Agenda – 12/10/2025

The board agenda was available for review.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

APPROVED:_____