CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION
Business and Economic Development Committee

MINUTES

DATE: November 4, 2026
PLACE: CareerSource CLM
2703 NE 14th Street, Ocala, FL 34470
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Alexander Alt
Ben Whitehouse
Carl Flanagan
Deb Stanley
Edward Suor
Gary Smallridge
Jeff Chang
Jodi Hensen
Mark Paugh
MJ Toscano
Pete Beasley, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT
Kelly Ellis
Kent Guinn
Matt McCormick

OTHER ATTENDEES
Rusty Skinner, CSCLM
Dale French, CSCLM
Cory Weaver, CSCLM
Melissa Saco, CSCLM
Chris Wilkinson, CSCLM
Sandra Crawford, CSCLM
Cira Schnettler, CSCLM

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Pete Beasley, Chair, at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL
Cira Schnettler called roll and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mark Paugh made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2026, meeting. Edward Suor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
State Update
Rusty Skinner updated the committee on the following items:
- Performance negotiations with the State have been finalized and approved.

- The local plan along with an addendum for regional planning has been submitted to the State.

Workforce Issues that are Important to Our Community
Committee members did not discuss any issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

ACTION ITEMS
MRMA MOU
Dale French explained that this item is still under review and will need to be tabled for the Executive Committee. Debra Stanley made a motion to table the MRMA MOU. Mark Paugh seconded the motion.

PROJECT UPDATES
Economic Development Partner Reports

Citrus: Alexander Alt stated the Citrus County Industrial Development Authority is accepting applications for bond financing for capital investments in Citrus County. The BOCC is also partnering with Duke Energy to create a Grow It Local initiative that targets local businesses that want to expand.

Levy: No updates were provided.

Marion: No updates were provided.

MRMA
MJ Toscano reviewed the MRMA report.

Williston Airport
Rusty Skinner explained the project is moving forward, and efforts are setting the stage for mapping out capital improvements. We will be contributing to the project with labor market information.

Talent Center
Metrix Users
Chris Wilkinson reviewed the reports provided in the packet.

Event Report
Experiential Learning Contracts
Melissa Saco reviewed the report and encouraged committee members to attend upcoming events.

Grant Update
YouthBuild
Contract Reports
Sandra Crawford reviewed the reports and highlighted the following items:

- Broadband Grant: The Broadband grant program continues to have multiple participant success stories. The program manager has been doing a wonderful job

with enrolling new participants and keeping current participants engaged. The program has met 80% of its enrollment goal.

- The Eckerd contract has not been renewed for the 2026-2027 program year. This will be last report for the Eckerd program that ended in June. The Eckerd Youth team has transitioned to internal staff, and we anticipate continued success in our youth program.
- Contract Reports: Citrus County does need additional time to meet their 1st quarter goals. Levy and Marion did meet the goals.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED:

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