

Business Enhancement Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
MINUTES

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Raymond Royce, Committee Chair. Mr. Royce inquired if any Requests for Public Comment had been made and was advised that none had been received.

II. Introductions

Roll was called to identify and confirm committee members participating by phone. Staff and others present were identified (see end of meeting minutes for attendees). It was determined that quorum was not established and the meeting proceeded by consensus.

III. Topic

Action Items:

A. Approval of the PY 2020-21 Local Demand Occupations List (DOL)

Referring to the action item in the agenda packet, Ann Martin (CSH Chief Programs Officer) explained that CareerSource Heartland (CSH) annually solicits businesses, economic development, education partners, and other entities in the 4 county area (DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee) seeking input concerning the proposed local Demand Occupations List.

Local employers and educational partners requested the addition of the following.

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| • Automotive Body and Related Repairers | (15 estimated openings, entry level wage = \$12.00/hr) |
| • Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics | (13 estimated openings, entry level wage = \$18.00/hr) |
| • Correctional Officers and Jailers | (135 estimated openings, entry level wage = \$14.49/hr) |
| • Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers | (31 estimated openings, entry level wage = \$18.00/hr) |
| • Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics | (21+ estimated openings, entry level wage = \$19.12/hr) |
| • Machinists | (50+ estimated openings, entry level wage = \$26.44/hr) |
| • Nursing Assistants | (40 estimated openings, entry level wage = \$10.00/hr) |
| • Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers | (12+ estimated openings, entry level wage = \$12.55/hr) |

A request was also made to add Electro-Mechanical Technicians to the DOL to allow for the continuation of stackable college credit certificate programs to provide options for individuals in need of short-term training in specialized areas of Mechatronics.

To ensure CSH remains in compliance with WIOA requirements for the provision of training, Ms. Martin explained that staff is also requesting the continuation of Pharmacy Technician on the DOL.

Committee Chair, Raymond Royce, asked if there were additional questions. None were noted.

- A motion was made by Megan Smith to accept the 2020-21 Demand Occupations list as presented with the inclusion of Automotive Body and Related Repairers; Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics; Correctional Officers and Jailers; Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers; Electro-Mechanical Technicians; Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics; Machinists; Nursing Assistants; Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers; and Pharmacy Technician.
- Motion seconded by Sandra Swanson.
- Motion carried unanimously

IV. Other

No other matters were brought before the committee.

V. Adjourn

Committee Chair, Raymond Royce, adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Committee members present and participating: Ray Royce (Chair), Russell Brown, Thomas Leitzel, Megan Smith, Sandra Swanson, Selvin McGahee, John Varady

Committee members absent: Mary Kay Burns, Kevin Cundiff, Elizabeth Densmore, Marivel Garza, Stefanie Gonzalez, Yessenia Irizarry, Brenda Longshore, William Nielander, Tara Poulton, David Royal, Sherry Sapp, Laurel White, Mike Willingham

Public attendance: Heather Smith

CSH staff present: Donna Doubleday, Ann Martin, Keith Hayden, Brian Mercurio