



CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION
Education and Industry Consortium

MINUTES

DATE: August 13, 2026
PLACE: CareerSource CLM
2703 NE 14th Street, Ocala, FL 34470
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ashley Shorb
Bob Rutemiller
Brett Wasden
Calvin Cooksey
Joe Corley
Katherine Otte
Miriam Mishkin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colleen Strickland
Dr. Jennifer Fryns
Marci Holder
Rebecca Johnson
Tim Gilbert

Other Attendees

Rusty Skinner, CSCLM
Dale French, CSCLM
Cory Weaver, CSCLM
Melissa Saco, CSCLM

Cira Schnettler, CSCLM
Earl Scott, MTC
Tracey Thornhill-Parker, MTC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joe Corley, Chair, at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Cira Schnettler called roll and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Rutemiller made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2026, minutes.
Katherine Otte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Dale introduced MTC representatives Tracey Thornhill-Parker, and Earl Scott.

Tracey Thornhill-Parker provided an overview of the aerodynamic program at MTC.

- The program is anticipated to launch Fall 2027.

- The proposed curriculum and lesson plans are being developed in oversight with the FAA and DOL. The program development is being led by a part-time instructor and aviation consultant.
- The program will be housed in two new high-tech facilities. A helicopter, jet, prop planes, simulators, and tools are in place for students to learn hands-on practical skills.
- There will be two certificates offered through the program: FAA Maintenance Tech and FAA Maintenance Tech Airframe.
- Class size will be capped at twenty-five students that will first go through the 500-hour general tech course, from there students can decide if they want to move to the main coursework.
- Per student tuition will be about \$7000.
- MTC is working with regional airports to evaluate needs and job opportunities.

There was general discussion on transferrable credits from other local tech colleges offering aerodynamic programs.

Earl Scott provided an overview of the MTC Diesel Systems program.

- Program curriculum includes training on engines, suspension systems, and electronics with textbooks and hands on training over 1050 course hours.
- The current cohort began in January and will end in December. The cohort started with eighteen students and thirteen students remain.
- The business community has been very receptive to the program and have expressed a willingness to hire directly out of the program. Externships are also being explored.
- Due to challenges in finding instructors, the next class will be in August 2027. High school students will also be able to dual enroll.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Experiential Learning

Dale French reviewed the criteria and benefits for the CBT, OJT, and internship programs. There was discussion on transitioning high school students into OJT and internship programs.

Miriam Mishkin utilizes the CLM offered Metrix E Courses but noted challenges in the search engine within the software. Dale French and Melissa Saco acknowledged the challenges with the interface and offered assistance in finding the courses that will fit their needs.

Ashley Shorb gave a testimonial about her company's experience utilizing the CBT program. They partnered with Taylor College and CareerSource CLM to train current staff and was able to subsidize their training expenses with CBT funding.

NEXT STEPS

The committee discussed actionable items for next steps:

- Joe Corley invited Miriam Mishkin to attend a September meeting where

CareerSource CLM and Fidelity Manufacturing are discussing experiential learning opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

APPROVED:
