

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### **AGENDA ITEM VII.B. AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY LEASE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES TO LAKE COUNTY**

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College of Lake County and the Workforce Development Board are engaged in dialogue envisioning the next evolution of the long-standing strategic partnership between the organizations to meet workforce talent pipeline needs of Lake County by providing training, support services, resources, and equitable access to educational pathways.

Opportunities to further integrate the organizations, beginning specifically with the Job Center functions currently housed at 1 N. Genesee Street on the Lakeshore Campus exists, with the aim to create a more synergistic mutually beneficial partnership providing seamless service to our shared customers versus the existing model of landlord/tenant practices in facilities use.

The proposed modification to the existing lease with Lake County and the Workforce Development Board's Job Center supports capacity-building through reallocation of limited grant resources to serve individuals of greatest need in Lake County. This modification to facilities and parking costs achieves mutually beneficial outcomes for the College of Lake County in its strategic focus on community and workforce partnerships, building skilled workforce talent pipelines and increasing access to educational pathways. Lake County benefits from this strategic partnership by ensuring individuals are provided equitable and sufficient access to job training, resources, and support services. Lake County communities benefit through the economic and social mobility of the individuals served by the College of Lake County and the Job Center as they achieve rewarding careers with family-sustaining wages, as well as business retention and economic growth.

The proposed modification represents changes to lease costs by eliminating the annual escalation and maintaining a flat rate equivalent to the amount paid in FY2022 and eliminating parking costs for the remainder of the lease agreement. Additionally, the number of parking spaces will be reduced to accommodate a more accurate representation of daily use as the Job Center increases its community outreach through various locations and remote work options for its staff.

**Recommendation:** Authorize the modifications to the existing lease with Lake County for facilities and parking use as outlined in the Addendum from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.