



Education & Industry Consortium QUARTERLY REPORT

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Report quarter: Q3 2025: October 1- December 31, 2025

Date: 1/6/2026

Date of meeting: 12/8/2025

Report prepared by: Amy Nickerson & Stacy Campbell-Domineck

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B. ATTENDANCE - MEMBERS

Name		Organization	Industry or Education Org.
Amy Bratten, Ph.D., Chair	Present	Polk State College	Education
Ana Ayala	Absent	Southeastern University	Education
Steve Campbell	Excused	S & B Metal Products	Advanced Manufacturing
Cindy Collins (Raul)	Present (Sub)	RP Funding Center	Entertainment, Arts & Tourism
Michael De Marzo	Absent	Walmart E-Commerce	Logistics, Supply Chain, & Distribution
Diane Gibbs	Present	BayCare Health Systems	Health Sciences
Alex Lucio	Absent	Assure Infusions	Research & Technology
Carole McKenzie	Absent	Polk County Farn Bureau	Agri-business & Agri-technology
Rusty Mouton	Present	South State Bank	Business Services
Orathai Northern, Ph.D.	Present	SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo & Aerospace Center for Excellence	Aviation
Andy Oguntola, Ed.D.	Present	Florida Polytechnic University	Education
Alex Rich, Ph.D. (Diane Baires)	Absent	AGB Museum	Entertainment, Arts & Tourism
Linda Williams, Ph.D.	Excused	Lakeland Regional Health	Health Sciences

C. OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Nickerson, Polk Vision	Patricial Collins, Polk State College	Joylette Stevens, CareerSource Polk
Dorothea Bogert, City of Auburndale	Ann Everett, Polk County Public Schools	Mori Toosi, Polk State College
Rosy Cellucci, Polk State College	Linda Gooden, CareerSource Polk	Laura Webster, PCPS
Craig Clevenger, Junior Achievement	Michael Porter, Fleischman, Garcia, Maslowski Architects	Michelle Zamora, CFDC
S. Campbell-Domineck, CareerSource Polk	Ryan Reis, Webber International University	Lindsay Zimmerman, CFDC
Reba Coil, Polk County Public Schools		

B. MINUTES

Education and Industry Consortium Quarterly Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025 – 10:00AM
Polk State College Center for Public Safety
1251 Jim Keene Blvd, Winter Haven, FL 33880
Minutes

Dr. Amy Bratten, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00A.M.

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Roll Call by Introduction
- C. Apprenticeship 101 - presentation by Patricia Collins, Executive Director, Advanced Technology Center and Corporate College, Polk State College
Director Collins delivered a thorough presentation of apprenticeship levels and definitions by Florida statute, including training requirements and options for employers. Attendees asked and answered questions throughout the presentation. There was also robust conversation about career clusters, internships and mentor qualifications. Collins shared resources found at Florida Department of Education and ApprenticeFlorida websites.
- D. Recommendations for the workforce board
- E. Public Comment and Matters for the Floor
- F. CareerSource Polk staff announced the December Virtual Roundtable Employer Event on December 17 focused on Apprenticeships.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next Education and Industry Consortium Meeting, Monday, March 23, 2026, 10:00 AM

Polk State College Center for Public Safety, 1251 Jim Keene Blvd, Winter Haven FL 33880