

# [Local Workforce Development Board] [Name of EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM] QUARTERLY REPORT

## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Report quarter: July – September 2025

Date of meeting: September 15, 2025

Report prepared by: Richard Williams

Local workforce development board contact: Richard Williams Date: September 30, 2025

## B. ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Industry or Education Organization	Contact Information
Chris Franklin	Jackson Co. Schools	Education	<a href="mailto:Chris.franklin@jcsb.org">Chris.franklin@jcsb.org</a>
Terry Ellis	West Point Home	Industry	<a href="mailto:Ellis.terry@wphome.com">Ellis.terry@wphome.com</a>
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## C. SUMMARY REPORT

Recommendations and Requests from the Industry and Education Consortium

to

CareerSource Chipola

September 15, 2025

All members were provided with the most recent employment data as released by FloridaCommerce for their review prior to the meeting.

There were also representatives from several school districts in attendance.

The meeting began with comments from Richard Williams, Executive Director, CareerSource Chipola about the most recent employment report from Florida Commerce. Consortium members then discussed changes in the labor force and impacts they see in the region. Most of the discussion centered around impacts on manufacturing. The need for shorter term training options was discussed as well as a need to increase the labor force participation rate.

Discussion was also held about impacts the closure of another papermill would have on landowners, sawmills, loggers, and other local businesses.

No recommendations were made to the local workforce board except that the board should continue to push for more short-term skills based training and getting more information into the schools about existing careers.