



TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM: V.

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Off-Campus Location
Jackson State Community College - Gibson County Center

ITEM TYPE: Action

ACTION RECOMMENDATION: Approval

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-202(q)(3), the Tennessee Higher Education Commission is to review and approve or disapprove all proposals for off-campus locations at public institutions.

Per THEC Policy A1.4A Off-Campus Instruction for Community Colleges and Universities, an off-campus center is defined as a location that is geographically apart from the main campus where students can enroll and complete academic programs. Additionally, there must be a continuing administrative presence, evidenced by at least one full-time or part-time administrator housed on-site.

Jackson State Community College is requesting a center code for the Gibson County Center at 2071 Hwy 45 N. Bypass, Trenton, TN 38382. In September 2022, the Tennessee Board of Regents approved a service area change that shifted part of Dyersburg State Community College's service area to Jackson State Community College. As a result, the Gibson County Center must transfer from Dyersburg State Community College's service area to Jackson State Community College's service area.

The Dyersburg State Community College - Gibson County Center was originally approved by the Commission on January 28, 1994, and has been in operation since that time. In fall 2022, the Dyersburg State Community College - Gibson County Center had an enrollment of ninety-five Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students. Jackson State Community College anticipates it will be able to increase enrollment by adding two new certificate programs to the current course offerings. Students who are accepted and enrolled at Jackson State Community College - Gibson County Center will have the opportunity to take coursework for the completion of an AA/AS in General Studies, the Emergency Medical Technician certificate program, the Patient Care Technology certificate program, and the Healthcare Technician certificate program.

The current facility is approximately 15,000 square feet, with both office and academic space. The facility contains five individual offices, one computer lab, one learning resource center/multimedia library, two healthcare labs, four classrooms, and a large commons area. Renovations will take place in year one to add additional equipment for anticipated enrollment growth, technology needs, and interior and exterior building modifications.

The off-campus location will offer college/dual enrollment courses and will be staffed by existing full-time staff members and faculty. Additionally, Jackson State Community College intends to hire a Learning Center Specialist and Resource Clerk to provide additional support services for the off-campus location.