



TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM: II.B.

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Off-Campus Location Center
Motlow State Community College
Upper Cumberland Regional Airport

ITEM TYPE: Action

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. Additionally, 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 at least one academic program and there must be a continuing administrative presence, evidenced by at least one full-time or part-time administrator housed on-site.

Motlow State Community College (MSCC) requests a center code for the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport located at 750 Airport Road, Sparta, TN 38583-5239 to be effective June 1, 2025. The proposed center will allow students to complete certificate programs in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT). These programs are some of MSCC's fastest growing programs and are critical to the meeting the need for emergency medical technicians throughout MSCC's 11 county service area. The Upper Cumberland Regional Airport has signed a memorandum of understanding with MSCC to provide two classrooms to house both the EMT and AEMT certificate programs which is close to the MSCC Sparta location. The director of the program will have an office on-site to provide part-time supervisions and there will be one full-time faculty member located at the proposed center and up to four adjunct faculty will be available depending on demand. MSCC projects an initial enrollment of 12 students in year one and then leveling off to 20 students in the subsequent semesters.