



# Hennepin-Carver

## Workforce Development Board

Action Request: 2023-6

Topic: Brooklyn Park CareerForce Lease Draft Letter to DEED

Board Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

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### **Item Description**

Request submission of letter to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) on behalf of the HCWDB expressing desire to maintain a high level of priority in executing the lease agreement for the comprehensive CareerForce center located in Brooklyn Park.

### **Action Needed**

A motion (and second) to approve and submit the letter.

### **Background**

Per WIOA law, it is the responsibility of the Workforce Development Board to ensure at least one comprehensive location in the Workforce Development Area (WDA) where jobseekers have access to services provided by all partners.

Currently, CareerForce – Bloomington is designated as the temporary comprehensive location for WDA 09 because the lease for the Brooklyn Park CareerForce location ended on 6/30/2021. The Board voted to extend the comprehensive center designation for the Bloomington CareerForce Center twice to ensure compliance with federal law amid the gap in leases. That extension is set to end 12/31/2023 (HCWDB Action Request 2022-4). On May 9, 2023 the Board voted to approve designating the Brooklyn Center Career Force location as the comprehensive site for Workforce Development Area 09, effective upon execution of the lease. (HCWDB Action Request 2023-2).

During the July 11, 2023 HCWDB meeting, Board Members discussed the lease for the Brooklyn Park CareerForce Location, expressing the need to maintain a high level of priority in its execution. The Board voted to draft a letter to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) on behalf of the HCWDB. (HCWDB BAR 2023-4).

Staff recommends approval of the letter and its submission.

### **Attachments**

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