

# LWDB 21 Palm Beach County EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY CONSORTIUM of the Palm Beaches QUARTERLY REPORT

## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Report quarter:** Q 1

**Date of meeting:** March 4, 2026

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## B. ATTENDANCE

See attached attendance of Consortium members and industry specific guests below.

## C. SUMMARY REPORT

1. Summary analysis of the local labor market based on the industry representative needs and education offerings.

A review of our local labor market situation was presented at the meeting, more importantly the shift in new industries and technologies entering Palm Beach County are not present elsewhere. Four new industries entering Palm Beach County hiring local talent presented their expansion/relocation plans, timing of their growth, type of positions they are hiring for, and the unique skill sets they are looking for.

## 2. Information on priority industry sectors and occupations for the local area.

Focus: Industries of the Future; AI and Quantum Technology

The Business Development Board, CareerSource partners, convened a meeting and brought together representatives from Palm Beach County economic and business development, education leaders, workforce and companies relocating or expanding into Palm Beach County. These companies are in the tech industry representing AI, Quantum computing and Fin Tech as well as a nuclear energy company. The meeting emphasized the importance of keeping talent local and highlighted the roles of workforce, education and industry collaboration. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the needs of these new companies and the unique skillsets they require.

The meeting brought together workforce and education to address the educational pathways and workforce needs of the county. It was convened to collaborate and provide information, with a focus on matching talent with business needs and discussing how education will meet the local labor market talent pipeline to prepare for the opening of these businesses with a focus of technology, energy and quantum computing.

Each of the companies discussed their skills and educational requirements of their talent. The education partners shared their newest work on curriculum and development of Quantum Centers, mostly found at Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University. The School District is opening a Quantum and AI program of study as a Choice Program in two local high schools as a feeder into the college as a feeder into the University! The response from educational partners to meet this newest demand is exponential. The discussion also addressed need for internships of which the companies could provide many.

Following the meeting, many stayed to share business contacts and form new relationships.

3. Information on the status of existing talent pipelines for in-demand occupations.

At this time, the educational leaders have stepped up and are developing special curriculums from high school to post graduate studies. Palm Beach State College quickly designated its oldest building to become the newest center of excellence in Quantum Computing, while Palm Beach Atlantic University bought a Quantum computer for its students in quantum and AI studies. They have just developed a master’s degree in business AI as well. The School District has assigned two high schools to be the focus of AI and technology centers of excellence. This will be an innovative state-of-the-art collaboration in our county!

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