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MEMORANDUM

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Mountainland Technical College Request for Approval of Instruction at the Payson Extension Campus

Background and Justification

Mountainland Technical College requests approval to establish the Payson Campus as an extension campus at 993 S. 1950 W, Payson, Utah. This new location will expand access to technical education in southern Utah County, address regional workforce demands, and provide enhanced training opportunities for students.

Key highlights of the proposal include:

- **Regional Need:** Utah County's population is projected to grow significantly over the next several decades, increasing demand for educational opportunities. Mountainland's Spanish Fork Campus is currently at full capacity, limiting the ability to expand high-demand programs or introduce new offerings. The new Payson Campus will address this need by providing additional instructional space and expanding program access.
- **Institutional Support:** The Payson City government and local businesses actively recruited Mountainland to establish a campus in Payson, donating land for the new facility. The campus will be fully staffed with administrative, faculty, and student support personnel, ensuring comprehensive services. Three associate vice presidents will be assigned to the new campus, and six programs will transition from the Spanish Fork Campus.
- **Budget Alignment:** The campus development is supported by legislative funding for building construction, equipment, and supplies. Growth funds secured in 2024 covered faculty and operational expenses for the first implementation phase. Additional funding will be required as enrollment and program offerings expand.
- **Industry and Community Partnerships:** The Payson Campus is strategically positioned near industry partners, a future UTA FrontRunner station, and other regional developments, supporting opportunities for student employment, apprenticeships, and workforce training.

The Commissioner's Office Review

In accordance with [Board Policy R315, Designation of Service Regions and Approval of Out-of-Region Instructional Programs, Branch Campuses, Instructional Service Centers, and Extension Centers](#), the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education has conducted a comprehensive review of the proposed

extension center. This review assessed regional needs, institutional support, program offerings, and the proposal's alignment with the Utah System of Higher Education's performance metrics.

- Mountainland has demonstrated adequate institutional support for the new site, including personnel assignments and financial provisions.
- The extension aligns with Mountainland's designated geographic service region and enhances educational access within its designated role.

Based on these findings, the Commissioner's office supports the establishment of the Payson Extension.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board approve Mountainland Technical College's request to establish the Payson Campus as an extension center.

Attachment

Attachment 1 – New Campus Request Form for Payson Extension