

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17126  
January 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

**Attending:**

James Agras <i>(via phone)</i>	Caroline DeWitt	Kirk Hallett
Andrew Ahr	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Shirlann Harmon
Carol Aichele <i>(via phone)</i>	Hon. John Eichelberger	Maureen Lally-Green
James Barker <i>(via phone)</i>	Donald Fey	Jonathan Peri
Nathan Barrett	James Grandon	Colleen Sheehan <i>(via phone)</i>
Nicole Carnicella	Pamela Gunter-Smith <i>(via phone)</i>	Karen Farmer White

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 9, 2017, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Lally-Green/Dungee Glenn** motion.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), highlighted the following items from her written report.

**Programs of Study**

All Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions have aligned for advanced credit offerings in at least one Program of Study (POS). The BCTE holds 688 active Postsecondary Statewide Articulations Agreements with the 28 Perkins-allocated postsecondary institutions and 13 career and technical centers offering Practical Nursing Adult Programs. Currently, there are 42 POS that BCTE has developed with 1,448 POS approvals at secondary schools.

Dr. Burket reviewed the components of Pennsylvania's POS framework. She then presented data on the articulated credits earned through the approved Perkins POS in 2016-2017.

**Career Pathways in Career and Technical Education**

Dr. Burket shared that BCTE continues to work with career and technical centers (CTCs) in establishing career pathways for all students. This year, Dr. Burket said support is being provided for the development of regional CTC-led pathways-system models. The goal of this work is to help establish ongoing Pathway Partnerships in which the local CTC is a key

organizing partner. By the end of 2017-2018, each Partnership will have an active partnership management agreement or Memorandum of Understanding to guide collaborative activities. Dr. Burket provided the Board with a list of school districts involved in Partnerships in the following regions: Berks County, Dauphin County, Erie County, and SUN Area.

### **PDE Approved Career and Technical Education Pathways**

Approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) career pathways must articulate to a postsecondary program. Dr. Burket said each school district and CTC that offers an approved CTE career pathway ensures that students have a postsecondary option to pursue upon graduation. She also provided the Board with a list of schools with Department-approved CTE career pathways.

### **Industry Credentials**

The BCTE continues to research and recommend industry credentials that are appropriate for students to earn as they prepare for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations. Approximately 50 applications were received for the 2017-2018 school year seeking to add new industry credentials and/or to add providers to the approved industry credential list.

### **Academic Integration**

The BCTE continues to support the academic achievement of students enrolled in CTE by developing and disseminating resources that show the alignment of academic and technical content. Dr. Burket said T-charts continue to be developed to bridge the gap between CTE and math that can be used by both math and CTE teachers. Each T-chart demonstrates how a CTE educator teaches the concept covered by the eligible content and how a math educator teaches the same concept. Dr. Burket shared that the BCTE is finalizing approximately 50 T-charts and mini-lessons focused on English Language Arts (ELA).

### **Perkins Nontraditional Indicators Professional Development**

In 2017, 45 Perkins recipients received sanction letters stating that the school had not met 90% of the local adjusted level of performance for three consecutive years on one or more of the Nontraditional Perkins performance indicators. Dr. Burket said this represented a significant decrease from the 68 Perkins recipients that did not meet the indicator last year, and appears to show that the trainings provided in this area are yielding results. Dr. Burket noted that an additional professional development session was held in November 2017 for those schools that received sanction letters and other interested schools.

### **Adult Accreditation**

Dr. Burket reported that a site visit was made to Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) in November 2017 to review the deficiencies noted in the accreditation final report. The follow-up was conducted per stipulations of the one-year probationary accreditation status granted to LCCTC by the Board in July 2017.

Dr. Burket said that LCCTC has created a corrective action plan to address each area of deficiency and a timeline for completion. The deficiencies were reviewed one-by-one with an explanation and example of how the area is being addressed. She said that a student tracking system has been put in place to track attendance and grades. Overall, Dr. Burket said that LCCTC has addressed, and in some areas, implemented steps to correct all identified deficiencies. Dr. Burket said the BCTE will continue to monitor LCCTC monthly and will update the Board on its progress.

James Grandon asked if the comments offered by the Board in July regarding LCCTC were helpful. Dr. Burket replied that the Board's questions and comments were helpful in fostering monthly contacts between BCTE and LCCTC that have provided the institution with contacts in other accredited career and technical centers to gather input and ideas from peers.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. on a **Grandon/Dungee Glenn** motion.



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