

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17126  
March 15, 2018**

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

**Attending:**

James Agras *(via phone)*  
Andrew Ahr  
Carol Aichele  
James Barker *(via phone)*  
Nathan Barrett  
Nicole Carnicella

Sandra Dungee Glenn  
Hon. John Eichelberger  
Donald Fey  
Pamela Gunter-Smith  
Kirk Hallett  
Shirlann Harmon

Maureen Lally-Green  
*(via phone)*  
Jonathan Peri  
Colleen Sheehan *(via phone)*  
Craig Snider *(via phone)*  
Karen Farmer White  
A. Lee Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 11, 2018, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Williams/Peri** 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.

**Approved Programs**

Dr. Burket reported that BCTE conducts program evaluations every year and said schools are evaluated on a five-year rotation. By the end of 2018, Dr. Burket said BCTE will have visited 35 schools; next year they are prepared to visit 47 schools. She further noted that BCTE is accepting new requests for Program Approvals and recently received 11 applications. The program approval system was opened in February and closes May 31, 2018.

**Consolidated Annual Report Data**

The BCTE recently submitted a Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). Annually, USDE requires states to report on eight secondary and six postsecondary performance indicators. Dr. Burket said data for 2017 shows a 13.90% increase in the proportion of career and technical education concentrators that were proficient or advanced on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Keystone Literature exam. The data further showed a 7.9% increase in the proportion of career and technical education concentrators that were proficient or advanced on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Keystone Algebra test.

Dr. Burket reported that the 2017 career and technical education Perkins data reflected a slight decrease in participation in nontraditional programs along with a slight increase in the completion rates of nontraditional students. In both cases, the indicator levels were within 80% of federal targets. She also reported that the 2017 3P1 Postsecondary Retention/Transfer indicator decreased, causing the state to miss 90% of the target. In response, staff developed an improvement plan which includes collecting and presenting best practices for the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and African-American subgroups, which were lowest for this indicator.

### **Industry Partnerships**

The Pennsylvania Automotive Association (PAA) held a Youth Competition in February 2018. Dr. Burket congratulated the winning team from Wallenpaupack Area High School and announced that the team will compete in the 2018 National Automotive Technology Competition finals in New York in April 2018.

### **Industry Certifications Earned by CTE Secondary Students**

Dr. Burket shared that the number of industry certifications earned by career and technical education (CTE) students increased from 18,381 in 2010-11 to 35,132 in the 2016-17 school year. She presented additional detail that showed that 45.2% of 2016-17 CTE high school seniors obtained certifications. Of the total 67,294 CTE students, 19,664 CTE students of the total secondary career and technical education student enrollment earned industry certifications.

### **Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs**

In accordance with federal regulations, Dr. Burket said states may not grant approval of a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program for longer than two years. In the most recent monitoring cycle, eight Nurse Aide Training Programs were visited and two of the eight programs were approved. Six programs were determined to be out of compliance with federal regulations and all programs were deficient in maintaining accurate and complete program records, with two programs deficient in meeting curriculum requirements. Dr. Burket said these programs must submit methods of remedy that will satisfy the deficiencies.

### **Accreditation of the Career and Technical Centers with Adult Technical Education Programs**

Dr. Burket noted that Schuylkill Technology Center will have a site review for its re-accreditation application in July 2018. She said the Center was notified one year prior to the need to pursue re-accreditation and was offered technical assistance by BCTE. Dr. Burket said the site review will focus on adherence to the standards and criteria over the five-year period of accreditation.

Upon time for discussion, James Agras asked for clarification regarding applications for approved programs. Dr. Burket explained that the applications for secondary schools are to seek approval to operate a Department-approved CTE program.

Sandra Dungee Glenn asked if the BCTE has established improvement goals for students achieving certification through their CTE program. Dr. Burket explained that the BCTE does not establish a percentage for growth; however BCTE does have a goal in its strategic plan to see an increase in industry certifications. Dr. Burket said she would discuss the idea of establishing percentage goals in an upcoming conference call with the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators.

Kirk Hallett asked if the eleven applications for program approval are new applications or renewal applications. Dr. Burket explained that the eleven applications are all new.

### **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 8:47 a.m. on a **Dungee Glenn/Barrett** motion.



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