

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

May 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras *(via phone)*
Carol Aichele
James Barker *(via phone)*
Nathan Barrett
Jamie Bracey-Green *(via phone)*

Nicole Carnicella *(via phone)*
Carolyn DeWitt
Sandra Dungee Glenn *(via phone)*
Donald Fey

Kirk Hallett
Jeffrey Keeling
Jonathan Peri
Ashley Svec
Karen Farmer White

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 14, 2019, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Aichele/Hallett** 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), provided updates to the Board on the following topics.

Perkins V State Transition Plan

Dr. Burket reported that Pennsylvania elected to pursue a one-year Perkins transition plan followed by a full four-year state plan. Dr. Burket reviewed the transition plan, discussed elements that were new and items that would be developed later for the full plan, and reminded the Board that the transition plan would be presented for its approval.

She said that the Department of Education (PDE) convened a cross-sector planning committee in March 2019 to gather input on the full Perkins State Plan. PDE then hosted three regional meetings to solicit additional input on the Perkins State Plan from educators, business, and community members. The four-year state plan will be submitted as part of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) combined plan by March 2020.

Application for Renewal of Postsecondary CTC Accreditation Authority

Dr. Burket shared an update on the petition that requests the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to continue to recognize the State Board for Vocational Education (SBVE) to be a recognized accrediting authority. Since 2004, the SBVE has been an approved accrediting

authority for postsecondary programs offered by Career and Technical Centers (CTCs) that are 300+ hours. Dr. Burket said the purpose of the accreditation process is to ensure that CTCs offer programs that meet the quality standards associated with accreditation. The accreditation allows CTC students to qualify for federal financial aid. Dr. Burket noted that the petition for renewal of authority is due to the USDE by June 2019, and will be followed by a hearing in January or February 2020. The application provides information on the scope of the agency's operations and its authorization to approve both a CTC as well as the programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

PERKINS V TRANSITION PLAN

A motion to approve the state's Perkins V Transition Plan was made by Jonathan Peri and seconded by James Agras.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

APPLICATION TO USDE FOR RENEWAL OF POSTSECONDARY CTC ACCREDITATION AUTHORITY

A motion to approve the application to the U.S. Department of Education for renewal of authority to serve as an accreditor for postsecondary programs at Career and Technical Centers was made by Jonathan Peri and seconded by James Agras.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. on an **Aichele/Barrett** motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant