

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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

November 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White

Attending:

Carol Aichele
James Barker
Nathan Barrett
Nicole Carnicella
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Anne Griffin

Pamela Gunter-Smith
Jeffrey Keeling
Sen. Wayne Langerholc
(via phone)
Jonathan Peri

Rep. James Roebuck *(via phone)*
Rep. Curt Sonney
Ashley Svec
A. Lee Williams
Karen Farmer White

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 11, 2019, meeting of the State Board of Education were approved on a **Dungee Glenn/Aichele** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Nicole Carnicella reported that the Vocational-Technical Education Committee met on November 13, 2019, to consider an application for re-accreditation of the postsecondary programs at Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (GJCTC). Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), presented the Committee with the final report of the Department's review of the institution, along with a positive recommendation from the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group to grant re-accreditation to Greater Johnstown for another five years.

Ms. Carnicella said the application was reviewed against the Pennsylvania Public Postsecondary Vocational Education Accreditation Guidelines and the review found no non-compliance issues related to those guidelines. The review assessed whether GJCTC met accreditation guidelines in the areas of leadership, programming, students, faculty, staff, facilities, and relationships with employers. Ms. Carnicella said each indicator with those categories was rated to determine whether the institution was Advanced, Functioning Well, Beginning, or had Not Met the standard. GJCTC was rated as either Advanced or Functioning Well on every indicator.

Based on this information, Ms. Carnicella said the Committee voted to recommend that the State Board for Vocational Education approve GJCTC's application for re-accreditation for another five years.

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

Dr. Burket provided updates to the Board on the following topics from her written report.

Perkins V Update

The BCTE conducted regional and statewide stakeholder meetings and used information gathered from these meetings to assist in writing a draft Perkins four-year state plan. The BCTE held public hearings across the Commonwealth in October 2019 and will convene the statewide stakeholders committee in November to discuss state-determined performance levels for each of the plan's indicators. Dr. Burket said she anticipates presenting the draft Perkins state plan to the State Board for Vocational Education in January 2020.

Adult Accreditation

Schuylkill Technology Center (STC) currently is accredited with stipulations. Dr. Burket said that BCTE made a final site visit to STC in November and will present a final report to the Board in January with its findings of STC's actions during the probationary period and a recommendation on granting accreditation status.

Dr. Burket then introduced Elizabeth Daggett, a Senior Analyst in the United States Department of Education's Accreditation Division. Ms. Daggett attended the November 13 meeting of the Vocational-Technical Education Committee to observe how the Board implements the processes that have been established for adult CTE postsecondary accreditation in Pennsylvania. Dr. Burket said John Augustine, Director and Education Coordinator for GJCTC, also attended the Committee meeting and expressed appreciation for the Board's participation in the accreditation process.

Senator Wayne Langerholc touted great work of GJCTC which resides in his district and thanked the staff and administration for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF GREATER JOHNSTOWN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

A motion to approve the Application for Accreditation of Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center and to grant accreditation for a five-year period was made by Nicole Carnicella and seconded by Pamela Gunter-Smith.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. on an **Aichele/Carnicella** motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant