

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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March 16, 2022

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education was convened on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Hon. Curt Sonney
Hon. Carol Aichele	Sarah Jordan	Taiba Sultana
Nathan Barrett	Hon. Maureen Lally-Green	Karen Farmer White
Jamie Bracey-Green	Hon. Mark Longietti	Lee Williams
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Hon. Scott Martin	Hon. Lindsey Williams
Reva Gandhi	Eva Rankin	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 13, 2022, meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education were approved on a **Williams/Dungee Glenn** motion.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), provided updates on the following topics:

Approved Career and Technical Education Program Evaluations

Annually, BCTE program specialists visit high schools, charter schools and Career and Technical Centers (CTCs) to ensure each approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) program is operating in compliance with Pennsylvania Code 22, Chapter 4 and Chapter 339. Program specialists are reviewing and visiting 40 CTCs and high schools with approved CTE programs this school year.

Consolidated Annual Report

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) collects, prepares, analyzes, and submits data to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) as part of the contractual obligations associated with Perkins V. PDE's Consolidated Annual Report was submitted to USDE on January 31, 2022.

Competitive Equipment Grant Awards

PDE awarded approximately \$1.5 million in competitive grants to 32 CTCs and seven high schools across the state for the purchase of new equipment aligned to training students in high-

demand occupations. These grants, with a local match, help institutions train students for jobs that exist in their local communities. The purpose of the grant is to purchase equipment aligned with the needs of local employers for use in PDE-approved CTE programs and to provide hands-on training to students in those programs. The maximum grant award allowed under the program is \$50,000; each grant must be matched dollar-for-dollar from a local source, which could include local school funds or contributions from business and industry partners, and must score 80 points or above on the quality review.

Industry Certifications Earned by CTE Secondary Students

In 2020-21, CTE students earned a total of 36,571 industry certifications, which reflects a 55% increase since 2013-14. High school seniors obtained 45.1% of certifications in 2020-21. Of the total 65,536 CTE students in the 2020-21 school year, 30,625 students (31.5%) of the total secondary CTE student enrollment earned industry certifications. Industry-recognized credentials measure competence in core content and performance standards in a specific set of work-related tasks.

PDE developed an application process for schools to request that new industry certifications or providers be added to the Industry-Recognized Credentials for CTE Programs Resource Guide. Applications are due by November 30 annually for consideration to be placed on the list for the following school year. BCTE received 50 applications for review and consideration to be included for the 2022-23 school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m. on a **Gunter-Smith/Agras** motion.

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