

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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September 13, 2023

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education (Board) was convened on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Hon. Peter Schweyer
Hon. Carol Aichele	Ernest Hadrick	Monica Taylor
Hon. David Argall	Amanda Hetrick	Hon. Jesse Topper
Nathan Barrett	Natalie Imhoof	Karen Farmer White
Brenna Chernich	Jeffrey Keeling	Lee Williams
Katherine Christiano	Robert Mitchell	Hon. Lindsey Williams
Aarushi Dedhiya	Hon. Pedro Rivera	Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 12, 2023, meeting of the Board were approved on an **Aichele/Agras** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Hon. Carol Aichele, member of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day to consider two items that pertain to the Board’s authority to serve as an accreditor of public postsecondary CTE programs. The Committee considered an application for reaccreditation of Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) and updates to the Petition to the U.S. Department of Education (Petition) that previously was approved by the Board seeking to extend recognition of the Board’s authority to serve as an accreditor.

Hon. Aichele said the Committee agreed with the findings of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group to grant LCCTC probationary accreditation status for one year. A review of LCCTC’s application found two non-compliance issues relative to the related accreditation guidelines. Hon. Aichele noted that, per the guidelines, institutions that have no more than two indicators rated as “Not Met” or “Beginning” qualify for probationary accreditation with stipulations and are afforded one year to make necessary corrective actions. Hon. Aichele said LCCTC was notified of its right to appeal the accreditation recommendation in advance of the Committee’s meeting and that no appeal was filed. As such, Hon. Aichele said the Committee adopted a recommendation to grant LCCTC

probationary accreditation with stipulations for one year and requested that the Chair place LCCTC's application on the agenda for consideration by the Board later in the meeting.

Hon. Aichele said the Committee also acted to approve clarifying updates to the Petition as requested by the U.S. Department of Education during the course of its review of the document, along with a recommendation that the Board support the updates. Ms. Aichele requested that the Chair place the Petition before the Board for action later in the meeting.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Chair Farmer White welcomed Judd Pittman back to PDE in his new role as Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE). Mr. Pittman highlighted activity related to CTE in his inaugural report to the Board, including increases in the FY 2023-24 state budget to support CTE programming, programs of study approvals, the Perkins V State Plan, upcoming site visits for institutions seeking accreditation of their adult CTE programming, and the Petition to the U.S. Department of Education discussed earlier by the Hon. Aichele.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Application for Accreditation of Lebanon County Career and Technology Center

A motion to grant Lebanon County Career and Technology Center probationary accreditation with stipulations for one year was made by Ernest Hadrick and seconded by Nathan Barrett.

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

Update to the Petition to the U.S. Department of Education Seeking Recognition of the Pennsylvania State Board of Career and Technical Education as a Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Accrediting Authority

A motion to approve clarifying updates to the petition to the U.S. Department of Education seeking to extend recognition of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education as a public postsecondary career and technical education accrediting authority was made by Ernest Hadrick and seconded by James Agras.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. on an **Aichele/Hetrick** motion.

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