

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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July 11, 2024

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education (Board) was convened on Thursday, July 11, 2024. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele
Nathan Barrett
Naina Bhatia
Brenna Chernich
Katherine Christiano
Yadira Cupeles

Sandra Dungee Glenn
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Maureen Lally-Green
Robert Mitchell

Hon. Pedro Rivera
Monica Taylor
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams
Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2, 2024, meeting of the Board were approved on a **Mitchell/Aichele** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Ernest Hadrick, Chair of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier that morning and acted to recommend the Board’s approval on three items. Mr. Hadrick said the Committee considered applications for the re-accreditation of Clearfield County Career and Technology Center and Indiana County Technology Center, and that the Committee agreed with the recommendations of the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group to re-accredit the postsecondary programs at each school for another five years.

Mr. Hadrick said the Committee also acted to approve updates to the Accreditation Guidelines for Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Education that are responsive to clarifications requested by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) in its recent determination extending the Board’s authority to serve as an accreditor of postsecondary CTE in the Commonwealth for another four years. Mr. Hadrick said these updates would be provided to ED as part of a requested monitoring report to provide clarity surrounding placement data and what constitutes success under “state-defined threshold levels”. Mr. Hadrick requested that the Chair place these three items on the agenda for the Board’s consideration.

Finally, Mr. Hadrick shared that Lebanon County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) recently notified the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE) that it no

longer desires to pursue accreditation of its postsecondary programs. LCCTC currently is under probationary accreditation with stipulations for one-year and that one-year period ends in September of 2024. Mr. Hadrick said Beth Marshall, with BCTE, joined the Committee to provide background on this matter and to discuss what potential action related to LCCTC may be taken at the Board's next meeting.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Judd Pittman, Director of the BCTE, provided a written report on activity related to CTE and highlighted sections of the report in his remarks to the Board. Among his updates, Mr. Pittman said the BCTE recently defined seven new Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Application for Accreditation of the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center

A motion to grant Clearfield County Career and Technology Center re-accreditation for a five-year period was made by Ernest Hadrick and seconded by Robert Mitchell.

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

Application for Accreditation of the Indiana County Technology Center

A motion to grant Indiana County Technology Center re-accreditation for a five-year period was made by Ernest Hadrick and seconded by Robert Mitchell.

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

Update to the Accreditation Guidelines for Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Education

A motion to approve updates to the Accreditation Guidelines for Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Education, as recommended by the Department of Education and by the Career and Technical Education Committee, was made by Ernest Hadrick and seconded by Katherine Christiano.

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 1:50 p.m. on an **Aichele/Hetrick** motion.

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