MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Community College of Philadelphia - Center for Business & Industry
18th & Callowhill Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19130

January 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 am by Chairperson Joseph Torsella.

Attending:

Jim Agras (via phone)	Dan Fogarty	Edward Sheehan
Wendy Beetlestone	Kirk Hallett	Shannon Sullivan
David Collins (via phone)	Francis Michelini	Joseph Torsella
Connie Davis (via phone)	Jonathan Peri	Karen Farmer White
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Mollie Phillips (via phone)	Lee Williams
	Rep. James Roebuck (via phone)	Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2010, meeting of the State Board of Vocational Education were approved on a **Fogarty/Sheehan** motion.

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

Dr. Lee Burket, Bureau Director, reviewed information presented in her written report. Dr. Burket reported that Bureau staff will continue with 2010-2011 Perkins compliance monitoring visits and that all scheduled reviews for 2010 have been completed and the 2011 reviews are scheduled. Burket also noted that the Bureau is in the process of completing Approved Program Evaluations – 11 evaluations have been completed and 30 additional visits are scheduled to career and technical centers and school districts during the remained of the 2010-11 school year. The visits are conducted in accordance with the Vocational standards in Chapter 339.

Dr. Burket also reported that the Bureau is working closely with schools to ensure data on Federal Perkins IV for secondary and postsecondary is submitted to the federal government in time for the now earlier reporting deadline of November 30, 2011. Further, the Bureau is reviewing new federal regulations regarding how credit hours are given and will work with the Institutional Accreditation Agency Group to include this new regulation into its accreditation petition to the U.S. Department of Education prior to June.

Dr. Burket also noted that 61 schools have submitted 71 equipment grants totaling $2,951,414 in grant requests. Teams will review applications for the $1.3 million available in grant funds and anticipate announcing grant recipients in mid-January 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Cullen, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators, stated that Pennsylvania was one of very few states that chose to use its NCLB academic achievement targets for vocational education students. Cullen said CTE educators have worked very hard to help their students meet these academic targets, but a lot of CTE students do not perform well on the PSSA exams because they do not take Algebra II. Cullen went on to say the CTE community is excited about the Keystone Exams – except for the potential use as one-third of a course grade – as a means to more fairly assess CTE students.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am on a **Dungee Glenn/Fogarty** motion.

Stephanie L. Jones 3-16-11

Adam Schott
Executive Director