MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

September 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

James Agras
James Barker *(via phone)*
Kevin Bates
Wendy Beetlestone
Emily Clark
Rep. Paul Clymer
Connie Davis *(via phone)*
Sen. Andrew Dinniman
Sandra Dungee Glenn
Kirk Hallett
Maureen Lally-Green
Francis Michelini
Jonathan Peri *(via phone)*
Mollie Phillips
Justin Reynolds
Colleen Sheehan *(via phone)*
Edward Sheehan
Karen Farmer White *(via phone)*
Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2013, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Agras/E. Sheehan** motion.

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

Dr. Lee Burket, Bureau Director, highlighted the following items from the written report prepared by the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE):

Perkins IV

Perkins IV Local Plan applications for the 2013-14 submissions continue schools to require and demonstrate program offerings aligned to industry standards, as well as, addressing state developed Programs of Study (POS) aligned with state-identified High Priority Occupations (HPO) including a statewide articulation with all postsecondary funded Perkins programs. Local plans for all eligible Perkins recipients were due by August 31, 2013 for the 2013-14 school year. All 2013-14 Perkins recipients must file an Action Plan based on a "root cause analysis" for each performance indicator that the recipient did not meet. In addition to addressing low performance levels, all local plan applications must document an approvable POS and each postsecondary recipient partner must sign the Perkins statewide articulation agreement(s). The Perkins statewide articulation agreement allows successful graduates of secondary CTE POS to obtain a minimum of 9 college credits for the secondary technical coursework at a Perkins funded postsecondary program.

Program of Study Statewide Articulation Initiative

Each of the postsecondary institutions that receive federal Perkins funds has aligned for advanced credit offerings in a least one state developed CTE program of study to offer advanced credit opportunities. As of August 1, 2013, the Department of Education holds 432 Postsecondary Statewide Articulation Agreements with the 28 postsecondary institutions that receive federal Perkins funds and 14 career and technical education centers offering Practical Nursing Adult Programs.

Adult Accreditation

On July 30-31, 2013, the BCTE completed an accreditation site review at Schuylkill Technology Center (STC). The Bureau is in the process of compiling a preliminary draft report which will include comments, strengths and opportunities for improvement and any corrective actions necessary. This report will be provided to STC and the institution will have 30 business days after receipt of the preliminary draft report to respond to any findings and/or to file supplemental materials. When this is complete, the preliminary draft report will be provided to the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group (IAAG) for its review. The IAAG will make a recommendation on accreditation status. The Department then will bring the recommendation to the State Board for Vocational Education for review at its November Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned on an **Michelini/E. Sheehan** motion.

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant