

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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Harrisburg, PA 17126**

**September 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

**Attending:**

James Agras <i>(via phone)</i>	Donald LeCompte	Lavinia Soliman
Jay Badams	Jonathan Peri	Joshita Varshney
James Barker	Mollie Phillips <i>(via phone)</i>	Karen Farmer White
Nicole Carnicella	Colleen Sheehan <i>(via phone)</i>	Lee Williams <i>(via phone)</i>
Kirk Hallett	Craig Snider <i>(via phone)</i>	Larry Wittig

The minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Agras/Badams** motion.

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

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

**Perkins IV**

Dr. Burket reported on the requirements of Perkins IV Local Plan applications for 2015-16; discussed statewide technical skill attainment data as presented on the 2014 Consolidated Annual Report; and noted that BCTE will conduct 25 compliance monitoring visits at selected local educational agencies.

**Program Approval**

Dr. Burket said the Program Standards and Quality Assurance Division will be visiting 18 career and technical centers and 23 high schools with approved programs to complete an evaluation of each program. Dr. Burket also reported that there were 76 requests for new career and technical education programs submitted for approval for the 2015-16 school year. BCTE staff are reviewing the requests and will notify schools if a program is approved.

**Technical Student Associations/Competitions**

Pennsylvania had 120 members who earned the honor of competing at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's national leadership conference. Students from

Pennsylvania also were represented at the national competition of the Technology Student Association, with 227 students, 53 advisors and 29 other representatives of 40 different Commonwealth schools attending. Dr. Burket said 110 students and advisors from Pennsylvania also will attend the upcoming FFA events at the Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) scheduled for September 18-20.

### **Adult Accreditation**

Dr. Burket provided a report on the September 16 meeting of the Board's Standing Committee on Vocational Technical Education. Due to lack of quorum at the Committee meeting, action on the re-accreditation application of the York County School of Technology was delayed. Dr. Burket said she anticipates presenting this application for consideration by the Committee in November.

Dr. Burket also presented to the Committee draft reports on applications for accreditation of Huntingdon Career and Technology Center and Lehigh Career and Technical Institute. These draft reports also were made available to the State Board. Dr. Burket summarized the findings of the draft report for each institution and noted that the Department made a recommendation to approve accreditation status for Lehigh and to deny accreditation status for Huntingdon. She said the next step on the applications is for the State Board to transmit the draft reports to each institution and to provide them with a 30-day window to request a hearing before the Board if they would like to contest their report's findings. Dr. Burket said she anticipates bringing final reports on each application to the State Board for review and action at its meeting in November.

Chairman Wittig asked if Lehigh Career and Technical Institute had satisfied all of its requirements. Dr. Burket responded that the school had satisfied the identified non-compliance issues.

### **Career Education and Work Standards and NOCTI**

PDE has developed a NOCTI assessment to measure student knowledge gained through the implementation and integration of Pennsylvania's Career Education and Work (CEW) Standards. In conjunction with NOCTI, a group of Pennsylvania school counselors developed the assessment aligned to the four areas of knowledge of the CEW Standards – Career Awareness and Preparation, Career Acquisition (Getting a job), Career Retention and Advancement, and Entrepreneurship.

This NOCTI is designed to be used as a summative assessment at the end of the senior year and is focused specifically on the 9-12 grade band of the CEW standards. The utilization of the CEW NOCTI assessment is voluntary and at cost to the LEAs. The results of these assessments will provide LEA staff with the ability to analyze the results in an effort to strengthen the delivery of the mandated Chapter 339 Comprehensive Guidance Plan.

### **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 8:45 a.m. on a **Peri/Carnicella** motion.

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