

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

**September 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

**Attending:**

James Agras  
Carol Aichele  
Jay Badams  
James Barker  
Nicole Carnicella  
James Grandon

Kirk Hallett  
Shirlann Harmon  
Pamela Gunter Smith  
Maureen Lally-Green  
Jonathan Peri  
Rep. Stan Saylor

Colleen Sheehan (*via phone*)  
Craig Snider  
Joshita Varshney  
Karen Farmer White  
A. Lee Williams  
Larry Wittig

The minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Agras/Lally-Green** motion.

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

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

**Out-of State Statewide Articulation Agreement Updates**

Dr. Burket reported that BCTE staff continues to establish Out-of-State Career and Technical Education (CTE) Statewide Articulation Agreements between Pennsylvania and the Allegany College of Maryland (ACM). ACM operates two satellite campuses located in Everett and Somerset, PA, in addition to its campus in Cumberland, MD.

Dr. Burket shared that, in July 2016, ACM established two new articulation agreements with the Commonwealth. The agreements will award transfer credit from the Pennsylvania Secondary School Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications Program of Study to the ACM Cybersecurity Associate of Applied Science (AAS) and the Certificate Program(s) of Study.

Dr. Burket noted that BCTE also recently renewed existing Statewide Articulations Agreements with the State University System of New York (SUNY) Cobleskill campus.

**Program Approval**

Dr. Burket reported that the Program Standards and Quality Assurance Division will visit 25 career and technical centers and 11 high schools with approved programs to complete an

approved evaluation of each program. BCTE staff are in the process of completing a review for approval of 76 submitted programs for the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Burket noted that there also were 64 programs marked for deletion by the schools. Thus far, Dr. Burket reported that BCTE staff have reviewed 1,369 programs for re-approval, a process that occurs every five years.

### **Programs of Study Revisions**

Dr. Burket shared that BCTE has revised the Phase IV Programs of Study task lists to align the technical standards to new or modified industry standards. The IV Programs of Study include:

- Communications Technologies/Technicians and Support Services
- Engineering Technologies/Technicians
- Management Information Systems and Business Data Processing

Finally, Dr. Burket shared that Veterinary Technology will be added for development as a Program of Study. Dr. Burket said she anticipates the finalized task grid for this Program of Study to be available in April 2017, and projected that students who graduate in 2018 will be provided the opportunity to pursue statewide articulation at participating postsecondary institutions.

### **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 1:45 p.m. on a **Grandon/Peri** motion.



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