

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126**

May 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

James Agras <i>(via phone)</i>	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Craig Snider <i>(via phone)</i>
Carol Aichele	Maureen Lally-Green	Lavinia Soliman
Jay Badams	<i>(via phone)</i>	Joshita Varshney
Nicole Carnicella	Teresa Lebo	Karen Farmer White
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Donald LeCompte	<i>(via phone)</i>
<i>(via phone)</i>	Jonathan Peri	A. Lee Williams
James Grandon	Mollie Phillips <i>(via phone)</i>	<i>(via phone)</i>
Kirk Hallett	Colleen Sheehan	Larry Wittig

The minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Aichele/Agras** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Committee Chairman James Agras, Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), provided an update on the Committee meeting held earlier in the day. Dr. Burket said BCTE presented its final report on the Central Pennsylvania Institute for Science and Technology (CPI) with a recommendation to re-accredit the institution. The Committee acted to approve CPI's application for re-accreditation for a five-year period and transmitted the final application to the full Board for its consideration.

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

Dr. Burket highlighted the following items from her written report.

Industry Certifications

BCTE is in the process of updating the Industry Certification Resource Guide to identify certifications that are considered Industry-Recognized Certification Aligned to High Priority Occupations.

Professional Personnel Development Centers

The Professional Personnel Development Centers, located at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania State University and Temple University, continue to provide high-quality preparation programs for vocational instructors in the Commonwealth. In addition to providing teacher preparation programs, each center has planned the following workshops: General Workshops; Professional Development Workshops; Leadership Workshops; New Teacher Workshops; and, BCTE Workshops.

Programs of Study

BCTE has completed the revision of Phase I, II and III programs of study. The academic crosswalks for Phase IV and V also have been developed and are posted on PDE's website.

Technical Assistance Program

BCTE continues to provide voluntary supports to CTE instructors and administrators through the eighth year of the Technical Assistance Program (TAP). In addition to the professional development offered through TAP, BCTE also provides NOCTI pre-assessments and Study Guides. Dr. Burket said BCTE is in the process of planning for the ninth year of TAP.

Competitive Equipment Grants

Forty-seven secondary schools submitted equipment grant applications. The total amount requested was over \$2 million and the total funds available were \$1.8 million. Grants can be used to purchase equipment for secondary instructional purposes in approved programs that are aligned with Pennsylvania's targeted industry clusters and high-priority occupations. Programs also must be aligned to industry certifications and validated industry standards. Each grant application also must include a letter of support from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Mr. Agras asked which pieces of equipment previously were denied support by the WIB. Dr. Burket said she would look into the matter.

Pennsylvania DECA State Leadership Conference

The 2016 Pennsylvania DECA Student Leadership Conference was held at the Hershey Lodge on March 1-3, 2016. Nearly 2,000 DECA students participated in over 50 different written event exams as well as 26 competitive events. Dr. Burkett congratulated Donald LeCompte, the Board's Senior High School Student Member, on his recent election as Executive President of DECA International.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS AT CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

James Agras made a motion to approve the application for accreditation of post-secondary programs at the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology, as recommended by the Department of Education and the Vocational-Technical Education Committee. The motion was seconded by James Grandon.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. on an **Aichele/Peri** motion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant