

**MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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

**January 12, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

**Attending:**

James Agras *(via phone)*  
Andrew Ahr  
Carol Aichele  
Jay Badams *(via phone)*  
Nathan Barrett  
Nicole Carnicella  
Sandra Dungee-Glenn

Sen. John Eichelberger  
Pamela Gunter-Smith  
*(via phone)*  
Shirlann Harmon  
Maureen Lally-Green  
*(via phone)*  
Jonathan Peri

Rep. James Roebuck  
*(via phone)*  
Colleen Sheehan *(via phone)*  
Craig Snider *(via phone)*  
Lavinia Soliman  
Joshita Varshney  
Karen Farmer White  
Larry Wittig

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Wittig introduced Dr. George Drake, a member of the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC) who will serve as the PSPC's new ex-officio member to the Board. Professionally, Dr. Drake serves as Dean of the College of Education and Human Services and the School of Social Work at Millersville University.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 9, 2016, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on a **Peri/Aichele** 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.

**Apprenticeship Programs**

The Departments of Community and Economic Development, Education and Labor and Industry invited Career and Technical Center (CTC) directors to attend a meeting next month to look at different models of apprenticeship programs. Dr. Burket said there is an interest in expanding apprenticeship opportunities for Pennsylvania youth, with a particular interest in meeting the Shell ethane cracker petrochemical plant labor market needs.

### **Industry Certifications**

Dr. Burket said the Department of Education continues to research and recommend industry certifications that are appropriate for students to earn as they prepare for high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupations. An application process was created for schools to request new Industry Certifications and/or for providers be added to the approved industry certification list. The Bureau of Career and Technical Education received approximately 30 such applications for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **Career and Technical Education Information System (CATS)**

The CATS system used by schools to seek approval of career and technical education programs continues to be reviewed and adjusted to increase ease of use. Dr. Burket provided a status update on approved program requests and reported that the Department currently has 1,802 approved programs, including 307 programs that were newly-approved for the 2016-17 school year.

### **Meeting Perkins Nontraditional Indicators Regional Meetings**

In June 2016, 68 Perkins recipients received sanctions letters stating that the school had not met 90% of the local adjusted level of performance for three consecutive years on one or more of the Nontraditional Perkins performance indicators. In the previous year, 49 Perkins recipients did not meet the Nontraditional Perkins performance indicators for three consecutive years. To address the increase in the number of schools not meeting these indicators, Dr. Burket announced that professional development sessions will take place in the spring of 2017 for those schools that received a sanctions letter.

Upon time for discussion, Chairman Wittig noted that 20% of Shell ethane factory workforce will be involved in apprenticeship programs and asked what that number is in terms of total staff. Dr. Burket replied that she would forward that information to the Board.

Sandra Dungee Glenn asked whether the 300 programs newly approved by the BCTE fell into certain sectors. She further inquired about the status of 2+2+2 programs, and inquired as to whether the BCTE is involved with the Philadelphia Re-Build initiative to include apprenticeships at high schools in the city. Dr. Burket replied that she will share data with the Board regarding the newly-approved program areas. She noted that the 2+2+2 Programs were operated by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education through a DCED grant and said the effort still persists through the programs of study facilitated by the BCTE. Dr. Burket also shared that BCTE has not been engaged with the School District of Philadelphia's Re-Build initiative, but said will reach out to the district.

Jonathan Peri requested an updated on the Perkins Professional Development. Dr. Burket said she will forward that information to the Board.

### **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 8:55 a.m. on a **Peri/Dungee Glenn** motion.

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Stephanie Jones  
Administrative Assistant