

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

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

November 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras (*via phone*)

Carol Aichele

James Barker

Jamie Bracey-Green

Nicole Carnicella (*via phone*)

Sandra Dungee Glenn

Hon. John Eichelberger

Pamela Gunter-Smith

Kirk Hallett

Jeffrey Keeling

Jonathan Peri (*via phone*)

Ashley Svec

Karen Farmer White

A. Lee Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13, 2018, meeting of the State Board for Vocational Education were approved on an **Aichele/Agras** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), provided an update on the Committee meeting held on November 14. She reported that the BCTE presented the Committee with a Final Draft Report on the Schuylkill Technology Center's (STC) re-accreditation application. The final report identified non-compliance issues with the state's accreditation guidelines in two areas related to the administrative review of adult education goals and administrative review of adult education at the center. She stated that the report included a recommendation from the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group to grant STC Probationary Accreditation with stipulations for one year.

The Vocational Technical Education Committee accepted the report and recommendation from BCTE. The State Board will forward the report to STC and will notify the institution of its right to request a hearing to appeal the accreditation recommendation.

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

Dr. Burket provided the Board with a written report of activity in the BCTE and entertained questions from members of the Board.

Dr. Jamie Bracey-Green asked how Pennsylvania's recent PAsmart investment will impact Career and Technical Education and postsecondary students in Pennsylvania. Dr. Burket shared that PAsmart is focused on STEM starting at early grade levels through high school.

Sandra Dungee Glenn said she has received concerns that the focus of PAsmart seems to be on blue-collar technology and not preparing students for entrepreneurship or other advanced professions. Dr. Burket responded that she would need to review the program guidelines.

James Agras sought clarification from Dr. Burket on the scoring rubric used to evaluate STC's application for re-accreditation.

Sen. John Eichelberger stated that emphasis needs to be placed on developing skilled workers to respond to critical needs of businesses seeking qualified employees and that students should be guided in making postsecondary choices aligned with workforce needs.

Dr. Bracey-Green stated that there is an 86 percent graduation rate for Career and Technical Education students, but that the students are not staying in Pennsylvania after they graduate. She said there are pathways that the Commonwealth should explore to support its ability to compete even as it continues to produce labor for industry partners.

Kirk Hallett asked if PAsmart grants currently are available. Dr. Burket replied in the affirmative.

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 9:32 a.m. on an **Agras/Williams** motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant