

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

November 17, 2021

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education was convened virtually on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Due to public health measures being implemented across the Commonwealth to address COVID-19, members of the Board and members of the public participated in the meeting virtually via webinar and teleconference. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras
Hon. Carol Aichele
Nathan Barrett
Jamie Bracey-Green

Sandra Dungee Glenn
Reva Gandhi
Pamela Gunter-Smith

Sarah Jordan
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE) presented and sought feedback on a draft petition to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) seeking to extend the authority of the State Board of Career and Technical Education (Board) to continue serving as a reliable accrediting authority for non-degree granting postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) programs. A copy of the draft petition was shared with Board members for review in advance of the meeting, along with background on the history of accreditation in Pennsylvania, the federal criteria under which the Board currently holds this authority, and the Board's role in the accreditation process. To continue serving as a recognized accrediting body for non-degree granting postsecondary CTE programs, the Board must seek approval from USDE every four years. In addition to seeking feedback from Board members, Dr. Burket said the petition also would be posted for a 30-day public comment period. She noted that a final petition will be presented to the Board for action in January 2022. Following approval by the Board, the petition will be submitted to USDE by February 1, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. on an **Agras/Bracey-Green** motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant