

**MINUTES**  
**STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

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

**May 5, 2021**

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education was convened virtually on Wednesday, May 5, 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 2:02 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

**Attending:**

James Agras  
Hon. Carol Aichele  
Nathan Barrett  
Anne Griffin  
Pamela Gunter-Smith

Jeffrey Keeling  
Hon. Maureen Lally-Green  
Hon. Scott Martin  
Jonathan Peri  
Eva Rankin

Hon. Curt Sonney  
Taiba Sultana  
Karen Farmer White  
Lee Williams  
Hon. Lindsey Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education were approved on an **Agras/Peri** motion.

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

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), reported that the Department plans to revise the Perkins V State Determined Performance Levels (SDPL) due to the unanticipated circumstances brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Federal regulations allow states to revise performance levels if they are facing unanticipated circumstances. Dr. Burket said stakeholders were provided with materials that explained the rationale for revising the SDPL for 2021 and were given an opportunity to provide written comments to BCTE on the proposed revisions. BCTE did not receive any written comments on the proposed revisions. Dr. Burket shared that the revised SDPL will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on May 21, 2021, for consideration and approval.

Dr. Burket also reported that, in May, the Pennsylvania Department of Education updated the Industry-Recognized Credentials for Career and Technical Education Programs resource guide to reflect the addition of 46 industry credentials for the 2021-2022 academic year. The addition of credentials was based on complete applications received in November 2020.

For the 2019-20 school year, Dr. Burket said there was a 13.93 percent decrease in industry credentials earned (or 5,466 fewer credentials earned). For that same year, Dr. Burket

said there also was a 13.38 percent drop in the number of students earning credentials (or 2,987 fewer CTE students earning industry credentials). This decrease was associated with the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted CTE students' ability to complete testing necessary to earn credentials.

To make it possible for more students to earn industry credentials, PDE distributed the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding to Career and Technical Centers (CTCs).

Senator Lindsey Williams asked if BCTE anticipates a similar decrease in industry credentials for the upcoming school year or if BCTE anticipates that schools might rebound. Dr. Burket said she expects to see a rebound in the number of students earning industry credentials.

### **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 2:09 p.m. on a **Lee Williams/Agras** motion.

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