

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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January 13, 2022

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education was convened virtually on Thursday, January 13, 2022. 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 10:50 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Eva Rankin
Hon. Carol Aichele	Jeffrey Keeling	Taiba Sultana
Nathan Barrett	Hon. Maureen Lally-Green	Karen Farmer White
Sandra Dungee Glenn	Hon. Mark Longietti	Lee Williams
Reva Gandhi	Jonathan Peri	Hon. Lindsey Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education were approved on an **Agras/Aichele** motion.

The minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education were approved on an **Agras/Lee Williams** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

James Agras, Chair of the Career and Technical Education Committee shared that the Committee met on January 12, 2022, to consider two applications for reaccreditation of postsecondary programs at the York County School of Technology (York) and the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute (Lehigh). Mr. Agras said each institution was reviewed against criteria in the established accreditation guidelines, which includes indicators related to leadership, program, students, faculty, staff, and facilities, and connections with employers. A Department of Education (Department) team reviewed each institution’s self-study and conducted a site visit at each institution before developing recommendations on their applications.

Mr. Agras said both York and Lehigh were provided with a copy of the Department’s draft findings and given an opportunity to respond. No issues or corrective actions were identified with York’s application, and the Department recommended granting reaccreditation to York for another five years.

Mr. Agras identified one concern that was raised related to Lehigh's application. The concern involved a need to reestablish a formal remediation policy that the institution had documented in prior years. Lehigh acknowledged the need to reestablish its policy and process regarding remediation for adult students. Thus, Mr. Agras said the Department also recommended granting reaccreditation to Lehigh for another five years as the one area of concern was acknowledged and is being addressed by the institution.

Mr. Agras said the Career and Technical Education Committee voted to approve both applications with a recommendation that the Board grant reaccreditation to both institutions for a five-year period. Mr. Agras requested that the Chair call forth the applications for action at the end of the meeting.

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

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education, presented a final petition to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), seeking to extend the authority of the State Board of Career and Technical Education to continue serving as a reliable accrediting authority for non-degree granting postsecondary career and technical education programs. Following approval by the Board, she said the petition will be submitted to USDE by February 1, 2022 for its review and consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Petition to the U.S. Department of Education

A motion to approve a petition to the U.S. Department of Education seeking recognition of the Pennsylvania State Board of Career and Technical Education as a public postsecondary career and technical education accrediting authority was made by James Agras and seconded by Sandra Dungee Glenn.

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

Application for Reaccreditation of York County School of Technology

A motion to reaccredit the postsecondary programs at the York County School of Technology for a five-year period was made by James Agras and seconded by Hon. Lally-Green.

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

Application for Reaccreditation of Lehigh Career and Technical Institute

A motion to reaccredit the postsecondary programs at Lehigh Career and Technical Institute for a five-year period was made by James Agras and seconded by Dr. Lee Williams.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. on an **Aichele/Dungee Glenn** motion.

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