

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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March 8, 2023

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education (Board) was convened on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

James Agras	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Hon. Peter Schweyer
Hon. Carol Aichele	Amanda Hetrick	Monica Taylor
Hon. David Argall	Natalie Imhoof	Hon. Jesse Topper
Nathan Barrett	Sarah Jordan	Karen Farmer White
Nicole Carnicella	Jeffrey Keeling	Lee Williams
Reva Gandhi	Hon. Pedro Rivera	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting of the Board were approved on an **Agras/Carnicella** motion.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Lee Burket, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), presented a written report to the Board on activity related to career and technical education (CTE). Dr. Burket highlighted the following items from her broader written report:

Consolidated Annual Report Data

The Pennsylvania Department of Education collects, prepares, analyzes, and submits data to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education as part of the contractual obligations associated with Perkins V. The BCTE submitted the required Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) on January 31, 2023. Dr. Burket reviewed the secondary performance indicators and postsecondary Perkins V indicators contained in the report, as well as data on the state performance level and state target for each indicator and whether the state performance level met 90% of the target.

Competitive Equipment Grant Awards

Dr. Burket said the Department awarded slightly more than \$1.2 million in competitive grants to 33 career and technical centers (CTCs) and two high schools for the purchase of new equipment aligned to training students in high-demand occupations to help

students train for jobs that exist in their local communities. Dr. Burket noted that the maximum grant award allowed under the program is \$50,000 and that each grant must be matched dollar-for-dollar from a local source which could include local school funds or contributions from business and industry partners.

Industry Certifications Earned by CTE Secondary Students

In 2021-22, CTE students earned a total of 46,393 industry certifications, an increase of 26.9% over the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Burket said the Department has developed an application process for schools to request that new industry certifications or providers be added to the Industry-Recognized Credentials for CTE Programs Resource Guide. She noted that BCTE received 94 applications for review and consideration to be included for the 2022-23 school year.

Accreditation of Career and Technical Centers with Adult Technical Education Programs

Dr. Burket provided an update on the Board's pending petition before the U.S. Department of Education seeking to renew its authority to serve as an approved accreditor for public postsecondary CTE programs in the Commonwealth. Dr. Burket reported that a hearing date before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity was scheduled for February 2024.

Dr. Burket also provided an update on applications for accreditation that currently are under review by BCTE. She shared that BCTE conducted a site visit at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center on February 21-22, 2023, pertaining to its application for reaccreditation. She further shared that an initial accreditation visit of the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology is scheduled for March 21-22, 2023. Dr. Burket said the Institutional Accreditation Advisory Group will meet in April to make recommendations on each application for accreditation and that BCTE intends to present the applications to the Board for action in May.

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 1:51 p.m. on a **Carnicella/Agras** motion.

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