



## NOTICE

# PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Career and Technical Education's (Board) Committee on Career and Technical Education (Committee) will conduct a public hearing on July 9, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at 333 Market St., Honors Suite, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126. The proceedings also will be accessible through a virtual Zoom meeting location.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony from interested parties on draft regulations for the Accreditation of Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE). The United States Department of Education recognizes the Board as a reliable authority on the quality of Public Postsecondary CTE in the Commonwealth. Through this recognition, the Board serves as an accreditor of non-degree granting adult education programs at Career and Technical Centers in Pennsylvania. The Board is exploring promulgating regulations governing this accreditation process that would formalize the current accreditation guidelines.

At the same time, the Committee also will accept testimony on recommended metrics for Public Postsecondary CTE that the Board may consider adopting to establish consistent thresholds for measuring high-quality programs. Copies of both the draft regulations and the recommended metrics that will be the subject of testimony are posted on [the Board's website](#).

### Public Hearing Registration

Individuals must register in advance to present testimony at the hearing. Testimony will be accepted both in person and virtually. Testimony is limited to no more than 5 minutes per person, and participants will be assigned a time slot on a first come, first served basis when they register. If the hearing reaches capacity, interested participants will be placed on a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be notified if space becomes available. The hearing will conclude after the last scheduled participant testifies.

In order to accommodate as many perspectives as possible, individuals representing an organization are limited to one time slot. Other members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings.

Persons interested in presenting testimony must register with the Board office at [ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov](mailto:ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov) or (717) 787-3787 Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Registrations must be received by July 1, 2026. Registrations submitted via email must include your name, affiliation, phone number, email address, and information about whether you intend to testify in person or virtually.

Those registered to testify either must provide a copy of your testimony electronically or bring 5 hard copies of written testimony to the hearing.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend a hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate should contact Stephanie Jones, Administrative Assistant to the Board, at [ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov](mailto:ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov) or (717) 787-3787, to discuss how the Board may best accommodate their needs. Persons with disabilities are invited to submit public comments in alternative formats such as Braille or taped testimony and by means of the telephone. Written and alternative formats of public comment will be afforded the same thoughtful consideration as oral remarks.

### Public Hearing Location

Date	Location	Time
July 9, 2026	333 Market St., Honors Suite, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126  <a href="#">Zoom Webinar link</a> Telephone: (312) 626-6799 (toll free) Webinar ID: 925 9805 3152 Passcode: 724219	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Written Comments

Individuals unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments directly to the Board no later than July 10, 2026. Written comments may be sent electronically or in hard copy to: [ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov](mailto:ra-stateboardofed@pa.gov) or State Board of Education, 607 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17120.