

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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May 7, 2026

The meeting of the State Board of Career and Technical Education (Board) was convened on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Public notice of the meeting was made in accordance with the Sunshine Meeting Act of 1986. The meeting was called to order at 10:29 a.m. by Chair Karen Farmer White.

Attending:

Hon. Carol Aichele
Julia Antunes
Nathan Barrett
Naina Bhatia
Katherine Christiano
Rep. Bryan Cutler

Sandra Dungee Glenn
Ernest Hadrick
Amanda Hetrick
Robert Mitchell
Hon. Pedro Rivera

Monica Taylor
Karen Farmer White
Lee Williams
Sen. Lindsey Williams
Benjamin Wilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting of the Board were approved on a **Christiano/Aichele** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Ernest Hadrick, Chair of the Career and Technical Education Committee, reported that the Committee met yesterday to discuss three items related to the Board's role as an accreditor of adult public postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. First, the Committee received recommendations from the external advisory committee it formed to identify metrics that the Board may consider adopting to measure whether programs accredited by the Board are meeting their intended goals. The Committee also accepted onto its agenda draft regulations that would transition the Board's current *Accreditation Guidelines for Pennsylvania Public Postsecondary Career and Technical Education* into regulations. Mr. Hadrick said both the draft regulations and the recommended metrics will be shared with the field for review and comment as the Committee determines whether to include these metrics in the regulations. Mr. Hadrick announced that the Committee will hold a public hearing on July 9, 2026, to accept testimony from stakeholders and will accept additional stakeholder comments in writing.

Additionally, Mr. Hadrick shared that the Committee also reviewed the next petition that is due to the U.S. Department of Education to renew the Board's authority to continue serving as an accreditor for public postsecondary CTE programs. Mr. Hadrick said the Committee acted to

recommend that the Board approve the petition. All members of the Board received a copy of the petition for review in advance of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
BUREAU OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Judd Pittman, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE), provided a report on activity related to CTE. Mr. Pittman shared that BCTE recently promoted Lisa Golding to Assistant Bureau Director. Mr. Pittman provided updates on the following topics as part of his report: the Adult Education Metrics Committee, 2025-2026 Perkins Regional Workshops, BCTE contributions for training courses on the Standards Aligned Systems website, the Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program, the Congress-Bundestag Exchange Youth Vocational Program, and the Skip Wagner Automotive Technology Competition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

**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**

A motion to approve the 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 the Honorable Pedro Rivera and seconded by Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn.

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 10:47 a.m. on an Aichele/Hetrick motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant