



# CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

## CENTRAL OFFICE, HARTFORD, CT

### Meeting Minutes

**April 19, 2023**

#### Attendees

<b>Present</b>	Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Chairperson, Board Member; Jeff Auker, Board Member; Christine Benz, Board Member; Todd Berch, Proxy for Dante Bartolomeo; Jim Gildea, Board Member; Lance Hall, Board Member; Paul Lavoie, Proxy for Alexandra Daum; Kathy Dempsey, Proxy for Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Board Member; Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Board Member; Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Board Member
<b>Not Present</b>	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca called the meeting to order at 9:00am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>II. Public Participation</b>	There was no public participation.
<b>III. Trade Programming Spotlight</b>	Vinal Tech Carpentry Trade - Principal, Dr. Nelson Rivera (Instructors - Mr. Larson, Ms. Barnes, Ms. Laveck, Mr. Capen; Students - Lucas, Emma and Mike).  Freshman Class Project: Memorial Day Parade Veterans Float.  Board members commended the students for a job well done.
<b>IV. Consideration of Minutes</b>	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Wosczyzna-Birch moved, and Board Member Lavoie seconded to adopt the March 15, 2023 Board meeting minutes as presented.  <b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried unanimously.
<b>V. Committee Reports</b>  <b>A. Outreach and Partnership Committee</b> <i>Architecture and Construction Trade Reauthorization</i>	Mr. Brent McCartney reviewed the Architecture and Construction Trade Reauthorization proposal with the Board.

*CTECS Trade Programming*

- Connecticut Technical Education and Career System Board, pursuant to Section 10-95i (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the following Architecture and Construction Careers, Carpentry, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Masonry, Plumbing and Heating, Plumbing, Heating and Cooling and Sustainable Architectural for the period January 2023 to January 2028. Additionally, change the Sustainable Architecture program name to Architecture.

Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Berch moved, and Board Member Benz seconded approval of the proposal for Architecture and Construction Trade Reauthorization as presented.

**Vote:** In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Nikitoula Menounos introduced the trading proposals for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Brent McCartney presented the proposals to the Board.

1. Carpentry trade name change to Building and Civil Construction (Eli Whitney Tech).
  - Trade program changes.
2. Mr. Pasquale Ciarleglio presented the proposal for expansion of the HVAC program into Wright Tech.
3. Mr. Lawrence Pomerleau presented the proposal of Aerospace Component Manufacturing at Prince Tech.
4. Adding a new trade program – Goodwin Tech.
  - Landscape Design, Installation and Equipment (Greenscape, Hardscape and Equipment).
5. Phasing out a trade program - Wright Tech.
  - Mr. Marc Hussey presented the proposal to phase out the hospitality program.

1. Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Hall moved, and Board Member Benz seconded approval of the trade proposals for Eli Whitney as presented.

**Vote:** In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Hall moved, and Board Member Benz seconded approval of the proposal for expansion of the HVAC program at wright tech as presented.

**Vote:** In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  
Opposed: 0  
Abstained: 0  
Absent: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

<p><i>Aviation School Proposal Grades 11-14</i></p> <p><b>B. Policy Review Committee</b></p> <p><i>CTECS Advisory Board By-Laws</i></p> <p><i>CTECS State Ethic Policy</i></p>	<p>3. Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Gildea moved, and Board Member Benz seconded approval of the proposal of aerospace component manufacturing at prince tech as presented.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>4. Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Birch moved, and Board Member Hall seconded approval of the trade proposal for goodwin tech as presented.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>5. Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Gildea moved, and Board Member Hall seconded approval of the proposal to phase out the hospitality program at wright tech as presented.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Luis Camacho presented the Aviation School proposal for grades 11-14 with the Board.</p> <p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Lavoie moved, and Board Member Benz seconded approval of the proposal for Aviation School Grades 11-14 as presented.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Todd Berch introduced the revisions/amendments to the CTECS Advisory Board By-Laws and CTECS State Ethic Policy.</p> <p>Attorney Susan Scott presented the revisions/amendments to the Board. Discussion was had, with suggestions on verbiage modifications in public comment section of the By-Laws.</p>
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<p><b>C. Finance and Facilities Committee</b>  CTECS Financial Report</p> <p><i>Bullard-Havens Groundbreaking Ceremony - May 12, 2023</i></p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Berch moved, and Board Member Benz seconded approval of the revisions/amendments to the CTECS Advisory Board By-Laws as presented.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Birch moved, and Board Member Hall seconded approval of the revisions to CTECS State Ethic Policy as presented.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Kisha Richardson presented the CTECS Financial Report Overview to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Donald Poulin advised the Board of the upcoming Bullard-Havens groundbreaking ceremony on May 12, 2023 at 10am. There will be a reception to follow the ceremony.</p>
<p><b>VI. Report of the Executive Director</b></p> <p><i>A. Talent Development Report</i></p> <p><i>B. Work Based Learning Report</i></p> <p><i>C. Credentials Reports</i></p> <p><i>D. State-Level Advisory Committee Meeting – May 10, 2023</i></p>	<p>Dr. Ellen Solek thanked board members for their participation. Dr. Ellen Solek also introduced Mr. Lawrence Pomerleau as manufacturing consultant and Ms. Kelly LaCluyze as staff attorney 2.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Sartoris presented the Talent Development Report to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Patricia King presented the Work Based Learning Report to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Marc Hussey presented the Board Credentialing Report to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Marc Hussey advised the Board of the upcoming State-Level Advisory Committee meeting on May 10, 2023 at 11am at Wilcox Tech.</p> <p>Dr. Ellen Solek closed her report with the following.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to appoint an interim superintendent until the Board and Governor's office can fulfill the permanent position.</li> <li>• Development of a CTECS District Newsletter to keep staff informed.</li> <li>• Recommended staff to join an end of year gradation at one of the schools.</li> </ul> <p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Auker moved, and Board Member Birch seconded approval of the proposal for the Executive Director to appoint an Interim Superintendent.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyrna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>VII. Report of the Chair</b>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca shared her appreciation of being a part of the Board committee and eager to assist in the search of the new superintendent.</p>
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Gildea moved, and Board Member Birch seconded to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Benz, Berch, Gildea, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyrna-Birch, Auker, Hall, Dempsey  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: 0  Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:38am.</p>

*Transcribed by: Andreesa Gidi, Executive Secretary, CTECS*