



CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM BOARD MEETING PRINCE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL. HARTORD, CT

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023

Attendees

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

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
I. Call to Order	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca called the meeting to order at 9:10am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
II. Public Participation	There was no public participation.
III. Welcome	Mr. Daniel Mello, Prince Tech Principal, and students (Esther and Gello) welcomed the Board to the school. Mr. Mello gave the Board an update on Prince Tech. Students gave their experience while at Prince Tech and future educational goals.
IV. Trade Programming Spotlight	Mr. Lawrence Pomerleau, Ms. Barbara DiMauro (Executive Director of ManufactureCT) and Mr. Jim Gildea (Incoming President of ManufactureCT) presented the ManufactureCT Scholarship Awards to the recipients.
V. CTECS Executive Director Oath Ceremony	Attorney Susan Scott swore in Dr. Ellen Solek as the First Executive Director for CTECS.
VI. Committee Reports A. Outreach and Partnership Committee <i>CTECS Minority Construction Council Career Fair</i> <i>Connecticut Electronics Technical Needs/CHIPS and Science ACT of 2022</i>	Ms. Ronke Stallings updated the Board on the CTECS Minority Construction Council Career Fair. Mr. Paul Lavoie will be working on resolution on the issues/concerns that were brought to the committee's attention. Mr. Todd Berch gave an update from the last Policy Review Committee meeting to the Board.

<p>B. Policy Review Committee</p> <p><i>Naming Request for Henry Abbott Technical High School Entrance</i></p> <p>C. Finance and Facilities Committee</p> <p><i>CTECS Financial Report</i></p>	<p>Dr. Ellen Solek advised that a committee will be established to discuss the request and move forward with a hearing incorporating community input.</p> <p>Ms. Kisha Richardson presented the CTECS Financial Report Overview to the Board. Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca stated that a proposal will be coming from Dr. Vallieres regarding travel expense for students.</p> <p>Dr. Ellen Solek thanked Ms. Kisha Richardson and the fiscal team for all their hard work and efforts.</p>
<p>VII. Items Requiring Action</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>April 19, 2023 Minutes</i> 2. <i>May 17, 2023 Minutes</i> <p>Due to unexpected staff shortages, minutes were not available.</p>
<p>VIII. Report of the Executive Director</p> <p><i>A. CTCES Graduation Rate Report</i></p> <p><i>B. CTECS SAT Report</i></p> <p><i>C. Talent Development Report</i></p> <p><i>D. Connecticut Automotive Retailer Association Student Challenge</i></p> <p><i>E. The Year in Review</i></p> <p><i>F. Bristol Police Department Good Citizenship Scholarship</i></p>	<p>Dr. Nikitoula Menounos reviewed the CTECS Graduation Rate Report with the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Nikitoula Menounos and Dr. Darcy Fiano reviewed the CTECS SAT Report with the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Sartoris and Ms. Erin Ryan reviewed the Talent Development Report with the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Luis Camacho explained the Connecticut Automotive Retailer Association Student Challenge to the Board. Alex, the winning student gave his thoughts on the experience and winning the award. The video was shown to the committee, virtually.</p> <p>Ms. Kerry Markey reviewed the Year in Review Report with the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Ellen Solek explained the Bristol Police Department Good Citizenship Scholarship to the Board. Any contributions are welcomed.</p>
<p>IX. Report of the Chair</p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca reported the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanked the committee for continued meeting attendance and participation throughout the year. 2. Expressed the importance of having mentors for the students available for their mental health needs. 3. Stated the appointment of CTECS interim superintendent, Dr. Justin Lowe (Platt Principal). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Search Committee has decided to explore proposals from search companies within Connecticut. b. One obstacle may be the salary being offered for the permanent position.
<p>X. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board Member Gildea moved, and Board Member Birch seconded to adjourn the meeting.</p>

	<p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Berch, Gildea, Dempsey, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Benz, Hall, Lavoie Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.</p>
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Transcribed by: Andreesa Gidi, Executive Secretary, CTECS