



CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CTECS CENTRAL OFFICE, HARTFORD, CT

Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024

Attendees

Present	Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Jeff Auker, Board Member; Chairperson; Dr. Christine Benz, Board Member; Todd Berch, Proxy for Comm. Dante Bartolomeo; Lance Hall, Board Member; Paul Lavoie, Proxy for Comm. Daniel O'Keefe; Jeff Auker, Board Member; Jim Gildea, Board Member; Dr. Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Board Member
Not Present	Laura Stefon, Proxy for Comm. Charlene M. Russell-Tucker Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Board Member

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
I. Call to Order	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca called the meeting to order at 9:00am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
II. Public Participation	Ms. McKenzie Hurtado – State Vocational Federation of Teachers (SVFT) Member and CTECS Minority Teacher Committee Member, offered comments on the system's Increasing Educator Diversity Plan and the CTECS Minority Teachers Committee. While she acknowledged efforts towards inclusion, she expressed that there is room for additional supports, initiatives, and improvements.
III. Consideration of Minutes	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Jeff Auker moved, and Board member Dr. Christine Benz seconded for the approval of the meeting minutes for January 17, 2024 board meeting.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Berch, Benz, Gildea, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres</p> <p>Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Russell-Tucker, Wosczyzna-Birch</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>

<p>VI. Report of the Superintendent</p> <p>A. Superintendent Update</p> <p>B. Transportation and Automotive Update</p> <p>C. Increasing Educator Diversity Plan</p>	<p>Dr. Justin Lowe, CTEC Interim Superintendent presented the Superintendent Update to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Luis Camacho, CTECS Education Consultant presented the Transportation and Automotive Update to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Linda Leyhow, CTECS Supervisor of Climate, Equity, and Title IX and Mr. Robert Sartoris, CTECS Director of Personnel presented the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan to the Board.</p>
<p>VII. Report of the Executive Director</p> <p>A. Executive Director Update</p> <p>B. CTECS Finance Report</p>	<p>Dr. Ellen Solek presented the Executive Director Update to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Kisha Richardson, CTECS Fiscal Administrative Manager presented the CTECS Finance Report to the Board.</p>
<p>VIII. Report of the Chair</p> <p>IX. Adjourn</p>	<p>Mrs. Patricia Keavney-Maruca presented the Report of the Board Chair.</p> <p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned, Board member Jeff Auker moved, and Board member Christine Benz seconded to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Berch, Benz, Gildea, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres</p> <p>Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Russell-Tucker, Wosczyzna-Birch</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:24am</p>