

**Virginia Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee Meeting
Doubletree Richmond Airport Hotel**

**June 13, 2013
9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

MINUTES

In attendance: Lolita Hall, Sandy Hesse, Byron Hinton, Anne Carson, Lynn May, Robert Mayfield, Allan Melton, Frederick Norman, Jerry Stewart, Daniel Woodley, Alan Hawthorne, Chad Ratliff, Jane Watkins, Brenda Long, Karen Black, Jane Foy, Virginia Jones. Guests: George Willcox from VDOE, along with our guest speaker, Elizabeth Creamer.

Robert Mayfield called the meeting to order and welcomed all to Richmond. Minutes from the May 30, 2013, meeting were presented and approved.

VACTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Brenda Long

- Candidates for Governor recently visited 23 community colleges across Virginia. In addition, they also visited Hampton City Schools to look at the Governor's Health Sciences Academy. There was a very good response from their visits.
- Summer conferences sponsored by professional organizations are coming up—encourage teachers to attend.
- The Issues and Solutions document is a great resource to share with candidates.

CTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES: Dr. Mayfield

- Strategies for next year consideration: Workplace Readiness, STEM Academies, Industry Certification Benchmarks.
- On July 25, 2013, Dr. Mayfield will present the Annual Report from this committee to the Virginia State Board of Education. (This represents a change from the original date of June 27, 2013)

VDOE UPDATES:

Lolita Hall

- In early August, Dr. Nathan Carter, who was the facilitator at the May 30 meeting, will send an electronic draft of the recommendations identified by the committee as statewide Industry Certification Benchmarks. Committee members will be requested to respond and collaborate to make any further changes/edits. The committee's recommended benchmarks will be presented to the Virginia Board of Education in September for first review.

George Willcox:

- George recognized Jane Watkins, Virginia Credit Union President and Chief Executive Officer and the Virginia Credit Union for their contribution to the Virginia Career and Technical

Education Foundation student scholarship award program. Jane has been inducted into the Virginia Career and Technical Education Hall of Fame in recognition of her leadership in financial education.

- At the May meeting of the Virginia State Board of Education first review of the state approved industry certification list was presented. This list is periodically updated to include new certifications as well as remove the ones that no longer are valid.
- Three additional Governor's STEM Academies are expected to be approved in June bringing the total to 22; and the eighth Governor's Health Sciences Academy is expected to be approved in June.
- Approval has been given to advertise for the Health Sciences Specialist position at VDOE.
- There was discussion on HB 1767 regarding tax credits for businesses that donate equipment to schools. Members indicated that it would be helpful if there was a list of equipment needs that could be shared with businesses as this would make the process somewhat easier.
- The draft report of the Agriculture Education Strategic Review will be disseminated to CTE Advisory Committee members for review. The final report is expected to be disseminated statewide by the end of August. This report will serve as the basis for developing a strategic plan for updating and implementing secondary agricultural education in Virginia.

Presentation: Elizabeth Creamer, Director of Education and Workforce Development, Secretary of Education, Office of Governor Bob McDonnell. She has a background in CTE as she has served as a Tech Prep Director at the Community College level prior to her current position.

Elizabeth shared the Governor's Goals for Workforce Development. This information was useful and meaningful to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned. The CTE Advisory Committee participated in the Creating Excellence Awards Program and Luncheon.

The next meeting of this committee will be Thursday, October 17, 2013, at the CTE Resource Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hespe, Secretary