

**Virginia Advisory Committee Meeting  
for  
Career and Technical Education  
April 27, 2011  
Harrison Conference Room, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
James Monroe Building  
Richmond, Virginia  
MINUTES**

**In attendance:**

Anne Carson, Robert Mayfield, Karen Black, Lynn May, Sandy Hesper, Fred Norman, Jerry Stewart, Allan Melton, Chad Ratliff, Alan Hawthorne, Lolita Hall, Virginia Jones, and Jane Foy. Barbara Simmons was a visitor.

Chairman Jerry Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:30 and welcomed all to Richmond. Minutes from the January meeting were presented and approved.

**Synopsis of BOE Meeting – Jerry Stewart**

- Jerry presented highlights of what the committee accomplished--CTE was center stage.
- The charge from the Board is as follows:
  1. CTE State Advisory Committee continue to promote career clusters and pathways
  2. Continue to market CTE with emphasis on the Workplace Readiness Skills. The new CTE Brand, "CTE, Learning that works for America" was shared with the committee.
  3. Set goals for industry credentialing
  4. From the Governor, double the number of STEM Academies in Virginia by 2013-14, look for funding from business and industry as there is no funding for additional academies.
- For the June meeting, this committee needs to look at goals and come up with action items on how to proceed.
- Sub-committees can certainly contact CTE state office for additional information if needed.

**DOE/CTE Update – Lolita Hall**

- Perkins plan is due April 29, 2011.
- A revised list of industry certifications, occupational competency assessments, and licensures has been approved by the State Board of Education
- Superintendent's Memo #088-11 went out April 1, 2011, announcing the Assessment for Workplace Readiness Skills for the Commonwealth. The Board of Education approved this credential is a "stand-alone" examination towards a student-selected verified credit at its February 17, 2011 meeting. This online examination is designed to measure current workplace readiness skills that are a required component of each Career and Technical Education course.
- On April 15, 2011 Superintendent's Memo #112-11 came out with the Standards for Accreditations.
- CTE will take to the board revised regulations for CTE—this is a 24-month process.
- CTE will be reporting on the performance standards to the Board of Education as required by Perkins. All standards were met in 2009-2010. Areas included are:

Academic Achievement	Reading/Language Arts 88%, Math 79%
Technical Skills Attainment:	
Student Competency Rate	93% (Completers attained 80% of student competencies)
Completers Participating In Credentialing Tests	45%
Test Takers Passing Credentialing Tests	72%
Completers Passing Credentialing Tests	32%
Completers Earning Advanced Studies Diploma or Passing A Credentialing Test	39%
Secondary School Completion	80%
Student Graduation Rate	69%
Transition	80%
Nontraditional Career	17%

Preparation Enrollment  
Nontraditional Career                      13%  
Preparation Completion

- The latest Perkins funding is that Perkins Funds, Title I, will be cut 2 tenths of 1 percent and Tech Prep funding will be eliminated.
- It is important to remember that communication from committee members regarding the program of work and meeting agenda items should be sent to the state staff first.

**Public Policy Update**

- Dr. Long did not attend the meeting, but did provide a handout that included:
  1. Suggestions and recommendations are currently being sought for the 2012 Issues and Solutions document.
  2. The fact sheet, "CTE: Education for a Strong Economy" will be updated and distributed again this year to community and business leaders, policy makers and professional associations.
  3. VACTE is initiating a list of platform statements to share with candidates during the upcoming election.
  4. Efforts will continue to build relationships with both the Virginia General Assembly and the U.S. Congress and continue to advocate for funding and provide data demonstrating students' success in CTE.

**Committee Reports on Program of Work Initiatives** – During lunch (11:45-12:30) members discussed informally in small groups ideas for carrying out their committee assignments as related to their program of work and the BOE charge.

**Discuss Plan/Outline to Establish Contact with Chosen "Partners and Tentative process for Interaction** - delayed

**General**

- Robert Mayfield reported that he spoke with a legislative person and he shared this information:
  1. A Rolls-Royce plant will be locating in Petersburg and will need to hire 800 folks.
  2. Legislators want to see and hear from students and parents.
  3. Regional programs are good and seem to be working well.
  4. Get business involved with funding.

**Action Items**

- Lolita will send out notices to those members who are scheduled to rotate off this committee to see if they would like to continue.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**June 16, 2011** - Doubletree Hotel, Airport, Richmond, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Will adjourn at 11:45 a.m. to the Presidential Ballroom in the hotel for the Creating Excellence Awards Program. After the luncheon the committee will go back to meet from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Possible Future Meeting Dates:

October 13, 2011	CTE Resource Center, Henrico, 9:30 a.m.
January 12, 2012	CTE Resource Center, Henrico, 9:30 a.m. (then attend VACTE meeting at Crowne Plaza downtown)
April 12, 2012	CTE Resource Center, Henrico, 9:30 a.m.
June 14 2012	Same date as Creating Excellence Luncheon (not set yet), 9:30 a.m.
October 11, 2012	TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. and then members attended the board meeting in the Jefferson Conference Room to hear the Governor's Career and Technical Academies presentations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Hespe, Secretary