



CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

CTECS CENTRAL OFFICE, HARTFORD, CT

Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2023

Attendees

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

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
I. Call to Order	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca called the meeting to order at 9:08am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
II. Holiday Caroling	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca invited A.I. Prince Technical High School chorus to perform a selection of Holiday carols for the Board. The students filled the room with joyous music and holiday cheer.</p> <p>Board members were visibly delighted by the performance, with many comments on the talent and enthusiasm of the young singers. Reminding us all of the spirit of the season.</p>
III. Public Participation	<p>Ms. Tammy Raccio, Parent of Wilcox Student, expressed concerns about the conditions of the athletic field at Wilcox Technical High School and potential funding for improvements . She also raised concerns about the school’s lack of additional security cameras, gates to limit motor vehicle traffic, Wi-Fi boosters, and dead zones in the building.</p> <p>Chief of Engineering, Mr. Donald Poulin and Safety Consultant, Mr. John Woodmansee both addressed Ms. Raccio’s concerns sharing ongoing plans and developments underway to improve the stated facility concerns at Wilcox Technical High School. Both Mr. Poulin and Mr. Woodmansee reiterated administration’s commitment to addressing safety concerns and ensuring the security of the system’s students and staff. Discussions will continue at the school’s next safety and security meeting.</p>
IV. Consideration of Minutes	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Berch moved, and Board member Benz seconded for the approval of the meeting minutes for November board meeting.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Berch, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch</p>

	<p>Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Gildea, and Russell-Tucker.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>V. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Outreach and Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Connecticut Construction Industries Association (CCIA) Partnership</i> <p>B. Policy Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Amendment to 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule</i> <p>C. Finance and Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CTECS Finance Report</i> • <i>CTECS Facilities Team Update</i> 	<p>Dr. Solek announced the generous \$5000 donation from the Connecticut Construction Industries Association (CCIA) in support of construction trade programming.</p> <p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca presented and reviewed amendments to the 2023-2024 Board Schedule.</p> <p>Kisha Richardson presented the Finance Report to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Donald Poulin presented the Facilities Team Update to the Board and introduced new Chief of Engineering 1, Mr. Kevin McFarland as the newest member at CTECS.</p>
<p>VI. Action Items</p> <p>A. Amendment to 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule</p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Benz moved, and Board member Berch seconded for the approval of the Amendment to the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Berch, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Gildea, and Russell-Tucker.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>VII. Report of the Superintendent</p> <p>A. Superintendent Update</p>	<p>Dr. Justin Lowe presented the Superintendent Report to the Board.</p>

<p>B. Next Generation Accountability Report</p> <p>C. District Safety Updates</p>	<p>Dr. Nikitoula Menounos, Dr. Darcy Fiano, and Ms. Aimee Correa presented the Next Generation Accountability Report to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. John Woodmansee presented the District Safety Report to the Board.</p>
<p>VIII. Report of the Executive Director</p> <p>A. Executive Director Update</p>	<p>Dr. Ellen Solek presented the Executive Director update to the Board.</p>
<p>IX. Report of the Chair</p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca updated the Board on the superintendent search and ongoing efforts with CES for recruitment services.</p>
<p>X. Adjournment</p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned; Board Member Vallieres seconded to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Berch, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Gildea, and Russell-Tucker.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.</p>

Transcribed by: Aretha Wood, Executive Secretary, CTECS