

CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CTECS CENTRAL OFFICE, HARTFORD, CT

Meeting Minutes June 5, 2024

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

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Ι.	Call to Order	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca called the meeting to order at 9:05am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
П.	Public Participation	There was no public participation.
111.	Recognition of 2023- 2024 Staff Retirees	CTECS Board members along with CTECS Executive Director and staff recognized 25 staff retirees for their dedication and service at CTECS. Each retiree was called up individually to receive recognition and best wishes for their future.

IV. Consideration of Minutes	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Bartolomeo moved, and Board member Wosczyna-Birch seconded for the approval of the meeting minutes for May 15, 2024 board meeting. Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Bartolomeo, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyna-Birch, Norton
	Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Auker, Benz, Gildea
	Motion carried unanimously.
V. Committee Reports	All committee meetings scheduled for June 2024 were cancelled.
VI. Report of the Superintendent	
A. Superintendent Update	CTECS Interim Superintendent, Dr. Justin Lowe presented the Superintendent Update to the Board.
B. NBC CTLIVE: How Financial Opportunities Come from a CTECS Education Video	The Board viewed the aired segment and share its enthusiasm for continued advocacy for CTECS and the financial benefits associated with pursuing a career and technical education at CTECS.
VII. Report of the Executive Director	
A. Executive Director Update	Dr. Ellen Solek presented the Executive Director Update to the Board.
B. CTECS Finance Report	Ms. Kisha Richardson, CTECS Fiscal Administrative Manager presented the CTECS Finance Report to the Board.
C. Workforce Development Collaboration: CTECS and	

CT Department of Labor's American Job Center Partnership	Ms. Tonya Stoute, CTECS Supervisor of Professional Development, presented on the CTECS and Department of Labor's American Job Center Partnership. Key discussion points included the CTECS/American Job Center Pilot Program's goals, student engagement strategies, and the transition to a project-based approach. The program aims to equip students with essential job skills, including resume writing, interview preparation, and self-awareness. Future plans involve expanding the program's reach, providing ongoing professional development for instructors, and gathering feedback through formal surveys. Both DOL Commissioner, Dante Bartolomeo and CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Ellen Solek expressed enthusiasm for future collaborations.
VIII. Report of the Chair	Mrs. Patricia Keavney-Maruca presented the Report of the Board Chair.
IX. Recognition of Board Chair, Mrs. Patricia Keavney- Maruca: Acknowledging Outstanding Service and Leadership	
A. Recognition and Remarks	CTECS Board Members, CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Ellen Solek and staff took a moment to recognize the outstanding service of Board Chair, Mrs. Patricia Keavney Maruca who resigned from her position as Board Chair. Dr. Solek shared words acknowledging the many years of dedication and hard work that Mrs. Keavney-Maruca contributed to the organization. Highlighting her commitment to staff and students and her significant impact on the organization's success, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca was presented with a proclamation honoring her dedication and service. The proclamation expressed CTECS's gratitude for her leadership and wished her all the best in her future endeavors.

X. Adjourn	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Lavoie moved, and Board member Bartolomeo seconded the meeting to adjourn.
	Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Bartolomeo, Hall, Lavoie, Vallieres, Wosczyna-Birch, Norton
	Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Auker, Benz, Gildea
	The meeting adjourned at 10:10am

Transcribed by: Ronke Stallings, Chief of Staff, CTECS