



CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CENTRAL OFFICE, HARTFORD, CT

Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024

Attendees

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

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
I. Call to Order	Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca called the meeting to order at 9:02am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
II. Public Participation	There was no public participation.
III. Teacher of the Year Recognition	<p>The Board convened a special breakfast and recognized the outstanding achievements of the 2024 Teacher of the Year honorees and celebrated the district-wide Teacher of the Year. Executive Director, Ellen Solek provided remarks, highlighting the importance of educators and expressed gratitude for their dedication to student success.</p> <p>Honorees: Mario Longo – Abbott, Chris Reilly – Bristol, Kristen Braccia-Hufnagel - Bullard-Havens, Jacob Walsh - Cheney, Stephen Sorel – Ellis, Keith LeBouthillier – Goodwin, Ashley Camera – Grasso, Arthur Greene – Kaynor – Russell Stockton – Norwich, Kimberly Adams – O’Brien, Mark Boland – Platt, Christopher Morgan – Prince, RoseAnn Vaughan – Vinal, Caro Marrero – Whitney, Karina Torres – Wilcox, Kathryn Boyer – Wolcott, Mathew James – Wright</p> <p>District-Wide Teacher of the Year: Rachel Riendeau – Windham</p>

<p>IV. Consideration of Minutes</p>	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Lavoie moved, and Board member Hall seconded for the approval of the meeting minutes for April 17, 2024 board meeting.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Stefon, Vallieres</p> <p>Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Berch, Gildea, Wosczyrna-Birch</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>V. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Subcommittees did not convene in May.</p>

<p>VI. Report of the Superintendent</p> <p>A. Superintendent Update</p> <p>B. 2024 - 2025 School Calendars (Action Item)</p> <p>C. Proposed Name Change</p>	<p>CTECS Interim Superintendent, Dr. Justin Lowe presented the Superintendent Update to the Board.</p> <p>CTECS Education Consultant, Brent McCartney presented the 2024 - 2025 School Calendars to the Board.</p> <p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Hall moved, and Board member Lavoie seconded for the approval of the 2024-2025 School Calendars.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Stefon, Vallieres</p> <p>Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Berch, Gildea, Wosczyrna-Birch</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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**and grant Acceptance:
\$500,000 Gene HAAS
Foundation Grant for
PMT to Advance
Machining Lab**

CTECS Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Nikitoula Menounos and CTECS Education Consultant, Mr. Larry Pomerleau presented the Proposed Name Change and grant Acceptance: \$500,000 Gene HAAS Foundation Grant for PMT to Advance Machining Lab report to the Board.

- 1) Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Lavoie moved, and Board member Benz seconded for the approval of the name change from PMT to Advanced Machining Lab.

Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Stefon, Vallieres

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Berch, Gildea, Wosczyrna-Birch

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Lavoie moved, and Board member Auker seconded for the acceptance of the Gene HAAS Foundation Grant.

Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Stefon, Vallieres

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Berch, Gildea, Wosczyrna-Birch

Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Report of the Executive
Director**

A. Executive Director Update

CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Ellen Solek presented the Executive Director Update to the Board.

B. CTECS Finance Report

CTECS Fiscal Administrative Manager, Ms. Kisha Richardson, presented the CTECS Finance Report to the Board.

VIII. Report of the Chair	Chairperson, Mrs. Patricia Keavney-Maruca presented the Report of the Board Chair.
IX. Adjourn	<p>Chairperson Patricia Keavney-Maruca motioned Board member Lavoie moved, and Board member Benz seconded for the meeting to adjourn.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Keavney-Maruca, Auker, Benz, Hall, Lavoie, Stefon, Vallieres</p> <p>Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: Berch, Gildea, Wosczyrna-Birch</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 10:14am</p>

Transcribed by: Ronke Stallings, Chief of Staff, CTECS