



# CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

## Zoom Video Conference

### Meeting Minutes

**February 26, 2025**

**Draft**

#### Attendees

<b>Present</b>	Dr. Christine Benz, Chairperson; Mr. Jeff Auker, Board Member; Mr. Todd Berch, Proxy for Comm. Dante Bartolomeo; Mr. Lance Hall, Board Member; Dr. Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Board Member; Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch
<b>Not Present</b>	Mr. Shawn Coyne, Board Member; Mr. Jim Gildea, Board Member; Mr. Paul Lavoie, Proxy for Comm. Daniel O’Keefe; Mr. Keith Norton, Proxy for Comm. Charlene M. Russell-Tucker

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
<p><b>I. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Chairperson, Dr. Christine Benz called the meeting to order at 9:32am and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Chairperson, Dr. Benz motioned, Board member Wosczyzna-Birch moved, and Board member Berch seconded approval of the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Benz, Auker, Berch, Coyne, Gildea, Hall, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch            Opposed: 0            Abstained: 0            Absent: Coyne, Gildea, Lavoie, Norton</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b>II. Public Participation</b></p>	<p>There was no public participation.</p>

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<p><b>III. Consideration of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Chairperson, Dr. Benz motioned, Board member Berch moved, and Board member Hall seconded approval of the January 22, 2025 Board meeting minutes.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Benz, Auker, Berch, Coyne, Gildea, Hall, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: Coyne, Gildea, Lavoie, Norton</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b>IV. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>A. Business and Industry Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Manufacturing and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Trade Reauthorization</b></li> </ul>	<p>CTECS Consultant, Mr. Lawrence Pomerleau and CTECS Consultant, Mr. Lou Camacho presented the Manufacturing and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Trade Reauthorization report to the Board.</p> <p>Chairperson, Dr. Benz motioned, Board member Hall moved, and Board member Berch seconded approval of the Manufacturing and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Trade Reauthorization.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Benz, Auker, Berch, Coyne, Gildea, Hall, Vallieres, Wosczyzna-Birch  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: Coyne, Gildea, Lavoie, Norton</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b>B. Career Pathways Committee</b></p>	<p>Board Member, Dr. Kelli-Ann Vallieres presented the Career Pathways Committee report to the Board.</p>

<b>V. Report of the Interim Executive Director</b>	
<b>A. Interim Executive Director Update</b>	<p>CTECS Interim Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard presented the Executive Director Update to the Board.</p>
<b>B. Interim Superintendent Report</b>	<p>CTECS Interim Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard presented the Interim Superintendent Report to the Board.</p>
<b>VI. Report of the Chair</b>	
<b>A. Chairperson Update</b>	<p>Chairperson, Dr. Benz presented the Chairperson Update to the Board.</p>
<b>B. Superintendent Search Update</b>	<p>Chairperson, Dr. Benz presented the Superintendent Search Update to the Board.</p>
<b>VII. Adjourn</b>	<p>Chairperson Dr. Benz motioned Board member Berch moved, and Board member Wosczyrna-Birch seconded for the meeting to adjourn.</p> <p>Vote: In Favor: Benz, Auker, Berch, Coyne, Gildea, Hall, Vallieres, Wosczyrna-Birch  Opposed: 0  Abstained: 0  Absent: Coyne, Gildea, Lavoie, Norton</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 10:30am</p>

*Transcribed by: Ronke Stallings, Chief of Staff, CTECS*