



Career and Technical Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the June 29, 2023 Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee held a meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2023, virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Edmond Morin; Wendy Ault, Committee Member; and Denham Ward, Board Member. Dwight Littlefield, State CTE Director (Department of Education); Donna Tiner, Perkins Grant Manager (Department of Education); and Sandra Bourget, Office Specialist, State Board of Education.

Guests: Dave Keaton, MACTE Executive Director; Mercedes Pour, Director of College Access, Maine Community College System; and Julie Kenny, Director of Bath Regional Technical Center, and President of MACTE.

I. Call to Order:

Edmond Morin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM under the State Board's remote meeting policy.

II. Committee Chair Overview: (Edmond Morin)

Ed welcomed all members and guests to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

III. Adjustment to the Agenda: (Edmond Morin)

No Adjustments to the Agenda.

IV. Acceptance of Minutes:

MOTION by Wendy Ault, seconded by Edmond Morin and unanimously voted to accept the May 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried.

V. Public Comment:

No public comment.

VI. Standing Reports/Updates:

- Financial Reports
 - 1) **Perkins Fund Balances YTD (Donna Tiner)**
 - Donna Tiner noted the fourth quarter is ending and she'll have the fiscal report next month.
 - 2) **Briggs Fund Balances YTD (Donna Tiner)**
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- Updates
 - 1) **State CTE Director's Update (Dwight Littlefield)**
 - Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan projects are moving forward. Biddeford Regional Center of Technology had their groundbreaking ceremony. Lincoln's project has started, Oxford Hills will be taking bids over the summer to build their new building, and Mexico has three projects that they are working on.
 - Next year will be a big year with the MJRP Equipment Grant. Most got their equipment this year. We will be monitoring and visiting the locations to see what impact pieces have over programs in the state.
 - Working on end of year reports and data collection.
 - Perkins applications are coming in. Finalizing for this year and working on the applications for next year.
 - 2) **Community College Update (Mercedes Pour)**
 - Wrapping up year end.
 - The Aspiration program is running over budget and there are discussions with MDOE about restructuring the program to make it more sustainable.
 - Big shout out to MACTE for their Tech updates. So many are reaping benefits from that program.
 - CTE's account for 60% of dual and concurrent enrollment.
 - The Davis Grant program is going well.
 - 3) **MACTE Update (Dave Keaton)**
 - L.D. 436 An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions passed and was signed by the Governor.
 - L.D. 1942 An Act to Ensure Equity in Career and Technical Education Staffing Support Ratios Across Varied Regions of the State got supported by both Houses.
 - Putting the final touches on the summer conclave. It will be held in July at EMCC in Bangor. Still working on the agenda.
 - Started meeting to discuss the fall conference. Looking into artificial intelligence for break out sessions.
 - Tech updates are for all programs, and they exchange best practices.
 - 4) **Reports From the Field Update (Julie Kenny)**
 - Julie reported that she is finishing her term as MACTE president. Amanda Peterson from United Technologies Center has been named the new president. There's a new executive board and new members that will be taking on new responsibilities.

5) Educate Maine Update (*Ed Morin for Jason Judd*)

- Educate Maine staff have continued to work with employers and CTE regions and centers to develop both pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities. The Automotive Technician I registered apprenticeship at Goodwin Chevrolet and Mazda was approved by the Maine Department of Labor a few weeks ago. As a result, the staff have worked with Region 10 staff to submit their Automotive Technology program for pre-apprenticeship approval. The first apprentice has been hired at Goodwin Chevrolet and Mazda. Jason Darling from Region 10 has written an op-ed about the partnership. It will appear in the Times Record in the next week.
- Educate Maine, in partnership with Unum, UNE Online, and the Maine Principals' Association, just facilitated the closing retreat of [Education Leaders Experience](#) (ELE). Congratulations to Rob Callahan, Stephanie Turgeon, and Mercedes Pour for graduating from the Lambda Class. In late July, Educate Maine will launch the new cohort of Education Leaders Experience. This new cohort of 30 educational leaders includes three CTE staff members from Washington and Androscoggin counties.
- On December 8th, Educate Maine will host the annual Education Symposium at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. This conference will also welcome grantees from the MELMAC Education Foundation as their winter peer learning event. Please consider completing a proposal for a breakout session at the event.
- Details: The theme of the 2023 Education Symposium is Pathways. In recent years, partners from all stages of the educational pipeline have been working on articulating pathways into and through education and training opportunities. They recognize that learning is not always linear, and we can do more to support students as they proceed through training pathways and into and out of school and work. They encourage proposals that showcase innovative pathways to and through education and employment, along with information about models, policies, partnerships, programs, and beyond that will help Maine reach our statewide education attainment goal that 60% of Mainers will hold degrees or credentials of value by 2025.
They seek proposals that showcase:
 - Pathways into the Workforce: on-the-job training including apprenticeships; innovative ELO programs; CTE and postsecondary education offerings; dynamic employer-based training; school and business partnerships.
 - Strong Foundation Pathways: pathways to pre-K and Kindergarten, community & employer partnerships to support the whole child/whole family in early education.
 - Building Pathways with Underserved Populations: creating opportunities with and for justice-impacted or homeless youth, new Mainers, or other underrepresented groups to connect them with education and workforce training.
 - Pathways to Strengthen and Diversify the Educator Workforce: Grow Your Own programs; teacher recruitment, retention, and development; mentoring

programs. The application is due on July 11th. Submissions will be accepted [here](#).

Other Updates

- No additional updates

VII. Workshop:

No Workshop Session

VIII. Old Business:

No Old Business

IX. New Business:

MACTE FY23 Briggs Final Report

Dave Keaton sent the following documents in addition to his written report. MACTE Summer Conclave 2022 Agenda, MACTE Fall Conference Agenda and Breakout Session Assignments, and the Student of the Year Award Ceremony Program Agenda.

Handouts at Meeting: (copies in file)

- Agenda
- MACTE Final Report
- MACTE Summer Conclave 2022 Agenda
- MACTE Fall Conference Agenda and Breakout Session Assignments
- Student of the Year Award Ceremony Program Agenda
- Educate Maine Update

Adjournment:

The June 29, 2023, CTE Committee meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bourget
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Maine State Board of Education