

**Public Hearing
January 9, 2020
Room 103 A and B
Department of Education**

**Public Hearing on The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
(Perkins V)**

Welcome to the public hearing today, January 9, 2020, which is beginning now, at 1pm, regarding the Maine Department of Education's review of the Perkins V State Plan. This hearing was advertised in the MDOE Newsroom on December 18 and shared with an extensive list of stakeholders throughout the State. This hearing will conclude at 4pm.

My name is Dwight Littlefield and I am the Director for Career and Technical Education at the Maine Department of Education and one of my responsibilities is to oversee the implementation of the Perkins V plan. I am joined by my colleague, Donna Tiner who is the Perkins Grant Manager.

As background for this hearing: Perkins is the federal funding provided to states to support Career and Technical Education. In July of 2018 the Perkins funding was reauthorized requiring states to complete and submit a state plan to the Office of Career and Technical and Adult Education as prescribed in the Perkins Act. This plan was developed with the input from various stakeholders through statewide meetings held here in Augusta as well as regional meetings held throughout the state in addition to stakeholder and public surveys.

The procedure for today's hearing is simple. This is an opportunity for the Department of Education to receive comments regarding the Perkins V State Plan. This is not a discussion. Anyone with comments will please sign in on the sheet provided, sit in front of the computer, identify yourself, and then state your comment.

If you have written testimony or comments with you today and would prefer to submit those instead of speaking publicly, please feel free to do so; if you do offer public comment today, we'd

appreciate having both a hard copy and an electronic copy of your testimony. Contact information should be included as we may need to ask you for clarification of your question or comment.

Finally, electronic or written comments may be submitted to Dwight Littlefield, Maine Department of Education, 23 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0023 or e-mailed to cte.doe@maine.gov . Thank you for your interest in CTE and the Perkins V plan and thank you for coming today.