



Career and Technical Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of March 11, 2026 Special Meeting

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 virtually via Zoom. The following were present: Committee Chair Edmond Morin, Committee Member Wendy Ault, Committee Member Paulette Bonneau, and Mary Becker, Interim Office Specialist, State Board of Education.

Guests: Dwight Littlefield, State Director for CTE, MDOE; Melissa Sherwood, Perkins Grant Manager, CTE, MDOE; Shawn Lagasse, CTE, MDOE; Bill Tracy, MACTE President and Director of Hancock County Technical Center; Bobby Deetjen, Director of Mid-Coast School of Technology; Amanda Peterson, Director, United Technologies Center; Kate Howell, Deputy Director, Educate Maine.

I. Call to Order:

Chair Morin called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM under the State Board of Education's remote meeting policy, which requires vote be taken by roll call.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. OLD Business:

MACTE Briggs Funding Proposal

Consideration of whether to provide Briggs Trust Funding to the Maine Administrators of Career and Technical Education (MACTE) to pay for a CTE summit in July 2026 at Sugarloaf Mountain. MACTE has proposed to be awarded \$41,787.00 from the Briggs Trust Fund for this purpose. A decision also needs to be made by members of the State Board of Education which would receive this item at the monthly meeting tomorrow, March 12, 2026.

MOTION by Paulette Bonneau, seconded by Wendy Ault, and unanimously voted by those present that the CTE Committee accept the proposal for Briggs funding and send to Maine State Board of Education from MACTE in the amount of \$41,787.00, for approval.

Adjournment

The committee's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM virtually via Zoom. Ed thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.