



CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Microsoft Teams

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2025

Attendees

Present Mr. Jeff Auker, Interim Chairperson; Mr. Todd Berch, Proxy for Comm. Dante Bartolomeo; Mr. Shawn Coyne, Board Member; Ms. Patricia Feeney, Board Member; Mr. Lance Hall, Board Member; Dr. Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Board Member

Not Present Mr. Jim Gildea, Board Member; Mr. Lance Hall, Board Member; Mr. Keith Norton, Proxy for Comm. Charlene M. Russell-Tucker; Dr. Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Board Member

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
I. Call to Order	CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Abbott Tech Principal, Mr. Kevin Durkin welcomed the Board, and shared highlights and achievements. Recognized students Sean Elder and Jeremy Palma for outstanding academic performance on the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program qualifying test. Dr. Alice Pritchard and Superintendent, Mr. Mike Crocco joined in congratulating the students and their families.
II. Public Participation	There was no public participation.

- III. Consideration of Minutes** CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard motioned, Board member Berch moved, and Board member Coyne seconded approval of the June 25, 2025 Board meeting minutes.
- Vote: In Favor: Auker, Berch, Coyne, Feeney, Vallieres
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: Gildea, Hall, Norton, Wosczyzna-Birch
- Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Items for Discussion** Board Member, Mr. Todd Berch, DOL Program Services Coordinator, Mr. Larry Satchell, and CTECS Education Consultant, Heidi Griffen presented the Partnering on Apprenticeship: CT Barbering and Hairdressing report to the Board.
- V. Committee Reports**
- A. Career Pathways** CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard encouraged anyone interested to review the meeting recording available online for updates and information shared by the committees.
- B. Business and Industry**
- VI. Report of the Executive Director**
- A. Executive Director Update** CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard presented the Executive Director Update Report to the Board.
- B. Superintendent Update** CTECS Superintendent, Mr. Michael Crocco presented the Superintendent Update Report to the Board.
- VII. Report of the Chair** CTECS Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer, Mrs. Ronke Stallings reported continued work with the Governor's Office to fill vacant Board seats and ensure representation. She thanked former members Dr. Christine Benz and Mr. Paul Lavoie for their service and welcomed Ms. Patricia Feeney as a new advisory Board member. Appreciation was also extended to Mr. Jeff Auker for serving as interim Chair and to Ms. Tracy Ariel and Mr. Brent Davenport for their committee contributions.

VIII. Adjourn

CTECS Executive Director, Dr. Alice Pritchard motioned, Board member Berch moved, and Board member Auker seconded for the meeting to adjourn.

Vote: In Favor: Auker, Berch, Coyne, Feeney, Vallieres

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Gildea, Hall, Norton, Wosczyzna-Birch

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

IX. Tour

Board members toured the school and trade shops, observing students and instructors engaged in hands on learning.

Transcribed by: Ronke Stallings, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer