

**New Jersey State Board of Career and Technical Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Held at the Union County Vocational Schools
1776 Raritan Road
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076-2928**

March 16, 2011

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Jack Fornaro
Robert Haney
Dr. Ernest Lepore
Ilan Plawker
Dorothy Strickland

ABSENT:

Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Claire Eckert
Edithe Fulton
Andrew Mulvihill
J. Peter Simon

CONVENING

Arcelio Aponte, President, State Board of Education, convened the public meeting at 10:45 am with the reading of the resolution pertaining to the public session of the State Board meeting as it complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of this act, the State Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Department of Education, Secretary of State's Office and notice also having been given to the State House press corps, the Governor's Office and the State Board agenda subscribers, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that by adopting this resolution the State Board of Education of Career and Technical Education states its intention to convene a public meeting to conduct the state's business on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

And seeing there was a quorum the meeting of March 16, 2011 was called to order.

President Aponte stated that the State Board would be meeting today as the State Board of Career and Technical Education. He welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, superintendent, Union County Vocational School District, for hosting the special meeting. On behalf of the State Board, President Aponte thanked everyone involved in the planning of the Career and Technical Education special meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Issues in Career and Technical Education

Thomas Bistocchi, Superintendent, Union County Vocational School District (UCVSD), Chris Kobik, director of Curriculum and Instruction at Lower Cape May Regional High School, Gloria Griffith, Principal of the Academy for Information Technology, UCVSD and Richard Panicucci, Assistant Superintendent, Bergen County Technical Schools discussed with State Board members the challenges and opportunities that Comprehensive High Schools and County Vocational School Districts face in the field of Career and Technical Education particularly as it pertains to new programs, access, graduation requirements and partnerships with businesses, colleges and urban school districts.

Student Panel

Students representing different Career and Technical Education experiences shared their personal stories about why they chose to participate in a Career and Technical Education program and their life and career goals.

College Articulation Panel

Howard Kimmel, NJIT Associate Vice President and Director for PreCollege Programs, Suzanne D'Anna, Program Director of the UMDNJ-SHRP Health Sciences Centers, Holly Logue, Dean, Kean University and Kevin McCabe, Regional Council of Carpenters presented information on the various articulation agreements each of these entities has with the Union County Vocational Schools and the impact of these partnerships on student success.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its March 16, 2011 public work session at 2:35 p.m.

Christopher D. Cerf, Acting Commissioner
Acting Secretary, NJ State Board of Education