

**New Jersey State Board of Career and Technical Education
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Held at the Passaic County Technical Institute
45 Reinhardt Road
Wayne, New Jersey 07470**

March 21, 2012

Presiding: Arcelio Aponte, President

Secretary: Andrew Smarick, Acting Commissioner

PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Mr. Jack Fornaro
Mr. Joseph Fiscaro
Ms. Edithe Fulton
Dr. Ernest Lepore

ABSENT:

Mr. Mark Biedron
Dr. Ronald K. Butcher
Ms. Claire Chamberlain
Mr. Robert Haney
Mr. Ilan Plawker
Mr. Andrew Mulvihill
Mr. J. Peter Simon
Dr. Dorothy Strickland

CONVENING

Arcelio Aponte, President, State Board of Education, convened the public meeting at 9:30 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 21, 2012.

The meeting of March 21, 2012 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 Ms. Diana Lobosco, superintendent, Passaic County Technical Institute, 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

Welcome and PCTI overview

Ms. Diana Lobosco, Superintendent, Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) provided the State Board with an overview of the history, demographics, performance and characteristics of PCTI.

Overview of Statewide Career and Technical Education programs

Marie Barry, director, Office Career and Technical Education presented a statewide overview of Career and Technical Education programs including a summary of CTE Programs of Study.

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 at Passaic County Technical Institute and impact that the school has had on their life and career goals.

Business Partners Panel

Ken Rosenbaum, F3 Engineering, Suzanne McEvoy, Preakness Healthcare Center, Al Schroder, Metal Components Manufacturing, Paul Vicente and Mike Campbell, Columbia Bank (Campus Bank) and Jeff Cuba, Wayne Motors presented information on the various partnerships each of these entities has with the Passaic County Technical Institute and the impact of these relationships on student success.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly seconded and carried, the State Board adjourned its March 21, 2012 public work session at 2:30 p.m.

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