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Full Council Meeting
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, DE 19977

ATTENDANCE

Mark Freidly, Karen Hutchison, Mark Reeve, Judy Diogo (virtual), Karen Pickard (virtual), Richard Jester(virtual), Betty Wyatt-Dix (new member-virtual), Sandy Gray (virtual), John Wickert (DOE-virtual), Dr. Stephanie Foster (CTE Spec., NCCVT- virtual), Briana Catalon (student representative), Ariel Armondo (Smyrna Middle School), Jay Davis (Smyrna High School), Paula Bahler (virtual), Col. Timothy Hoyle (new member), Dina Vendetti (new member), Connie Fox (virtual), Christopher Stahl, Caitlin Rozell and Ann Breeding.

Dr. Hutchison called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Jay Davis, Smyrna High School Career and Technology Specialist, introduced the Industry Partnership Options and the Smyrna Work- Based Learning opportunities along with all the CTE programs that Smyrna High School has to offer with co-worker, Ariel Armondo, Smyrna Middle School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Freidly moved to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2025; Council Meeting as presented. Mr. Jester seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report was discussed. Mr. Jester moved to accept the report as presented. Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Stahl welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Mr. Stahl gave a warm welcome to the 4 new Council Members, Dr. Betty Wyatt-Dix, Dr. Dina Vendetti, Colonel Timothy Hoyle and Mr. Nello Paoli. He announced that they had all be newly appointed and due to the timing of appointments, that they may or may not be here tonight.

Mr. Stahl also gave a warm welcome to our newest student representative, Briana Catalon. Ms. Catalon is from Smyrna High School and is a State Officer in HOSA.

Mr. Stahl announced that DACCTE had officially moved from Newport to the Cooper Building in Dover. He stated that the office is in the Health and Human Services building on the Green in front of Leg. Hall. He mentioned that the address and phone numbers had all been updated online and, on our materials, (newsletters, business cards, etc.)

Mr. Stahl stated that the Annual Report had been sent to the Governor's office, Legislative Assembly, DOE CTE Director, Joint Oversight Committee Legislative Contact and all other required by statute.

Mr. Stahl announced that the Delaware State Fair Booth was a success. The booth was located inside the ice rink on the FFA side of the building. Many Career Compasses were distributed to fair goers. He mentioned that he helped judge FFA product entries for the Delaware State Fair which involved FFA students throughout the entire state.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that Mrs. Rozell, Dr. Hutchison and himself attended the Delaware State Fair Breakfast Awards Ceremony.

On August 5th, Mr. Stahl and Mrs. Rozell attended the State CTE New Teacher Orientation PD hosted by DOE to introduce DACCTE to the new teachers.

Regarding the Program Questionnaire (Survey), Mr. Stahl shared that DACCTE continues to work with the Office of Change Management within the Department of Technology.

Mr. Stahl stated that the Program visits had been updated and posted to the website. Visits this year will include comprehensive, charter, technical and middle schools. The school visits are currently underway and off to a good start. Mr. Stahl mention that just this week they had visited Concord High School and Springer Middle School in the Brandywine District.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that DACCTE has continued their participation with the CTE Director's Cadre through DOE. This helps us stay updated on the DOE CTE. Mr. Stahl stated that Mrs. Rozell represented DACCTE at the most recent meeting in October.

Mr. Stahl stated that Mrs. Rozell and himself would be presenting at the statewide DOE hosted professional development day on October 10th at the DE State Fire School.

Mr. Stahl announced that the CTE Poster Contest had been posted to the website and information has been sent to Districts and the DOE CTE Workgroup is going to share it out through their channels as well. The Current Career Compass front cover was inspired by last years winner and is also pictured on the inside cover.

On October 14-15, 2025, the CTSO Fall Leadership Conference will be held for middle schools and high schools. Mr. Stahl stated that Mrs. Rozell and himself will be attending on the 15th as they have a school visit scheduled for the 14th.

Mr. Stahl stated that Dr. Wickert and himself keep in touch with periodic check ins when needed.

On December 4, 2025, and March 31, 2026, DACCTE will be holding two Professional Developments virtually. There will be a PDMS course registration for the teachers to receive clock hours set up through DOE. Mr. Stahl stated that the virtual option was successful last year and that's why we are going virtual again this year.

Mr. Stahl stated the Giveback Update is stated in the budget language for this year. He mentioned that we (DACCTE) continue to monitor which schools use their 509 funds as part of the "Giveback". Mr. Stahl said, "Good news, since we have learned of it, less schools are doing it".

Mr. Stahl mentioned that DACCTE continues to participate in the Delaware Pathways Committee meetings. Several recommendations from the committee have been made known to policymakers through position letters, etc.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that DACCTE had received a funding request for professional development from the DOE CTE Workgroup, which will be discussed in new business. Mr. Stahl said that he had reached out to the Workgroup and let them know that we (DACCTE) will help support professional development opportunities when possible.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that the Legislator Meetings have been going well and that the Rack Cards are being received very positively. Mr. Stahl also mentioned that he had been discussing our policy initiatives from the annual report with Legislators during the meetings.

Mr. Stahl stated that this year Council Meetings all have a PDMS number associated with them. This allows teachers an opportunity to receive clock hours toward their license if they attend.

Mr. Stahl stated that the Summary for the Council Funding Support for SREB (DOE) and Ag Teachers Conference is all listed below.

SREB June Funding Summary for DACCTE:

The Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education (DACCTE) supported two concurrent Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) professional development sessions- Literacy in CTE and Math in CTE- held June 16-18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day in Dover. Hosted by the Delaware Office of Career & Technical Education and STEM initiatives in partnership with Capital School District, these three-day trainings strengthened Perkins 2S1 (literacy) and 2S2 (math) indicators by helping educators embed real-world reading, writing, and quantitative reasoning into CTE instruction.

Participation & Impact

- ~ Total educators served: 39 teachers
- ~ 28 teachers in Literacy in CTE
- ~11 teachers in Math in CTE

Professional learning hours earned: Up to 25 hours per participant, documented in PDMS. Teachers collaborated to create project-based lessons and refine instructional strategies, directly supporting student comprehension, problem-solving, and workforce readiness.

DACCTE'S assistance ensured smooth coordination, high-quality facilitation, and robust educator engagement, amplifying statewide efforts to integrate literacy and math across CTE programs.

DAAE June Funding Summary for DACCTE:

The agriculture teacher Agriculture Experience Tracker Professional Development reached roughly 55 teachers throughout the state. We were trained on the inner workings of the AET system and how we can put data from the system to support our programs.

HANDOUTS

- ~ June Meeting Minutes
- ~ FY 27 Complete Budget packet
- ~ Career Compass
- ~ SREB Funding Request

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. John Wickert (DOE) discussed virtually that there were having a lot of change over happening at DOE and that they were being virtual at least three days a week until changes took place.

Dr. Hutchison appointed Mr. Christopher Stahl and Mr. Mark Freidly to the CTSO Support fund CTE team. She asked them if they would sit down with DOE CTE and review CTSO student support funds. They both agreed unanimously.

Proposal for professional development with SREB from DOE. The Council members would like more information gathered on past PD's before voting on an amount to give. A motion was given by Mr. Freidly to revisit this at December's meeting and Col. Hoyle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Col. Hoyle asked on the priority level of these PD's and Ms. Catalon asked about finding out the different in one training from another, to make sure we are not paying for the same trainings at different times.

Mr. Richard Jester virtually went over AI sessions he is heading up that will be held at the Wilmington and Dover Libraries. Dates for these sessions will be on social media.

Mr. Stahl went over the FY 27 budget request. Mr. Freidly accepted, and Col. Hoyle seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2025.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Freidly moved to adjourn the business meeting. Mr. Reeve seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Let the minutes reflect that the General Public had access to the information regarding this meeting. There were two that attended (listed under attendance) but no comments made.

Mr. Stahl thanked everyone again for attending and wished everyone a great night.