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Full Council Meeting  
Delaware Trooper Hall  
6349 N. Dupont Hwy  
Dover, DE 19901  
2:00 pm  
April 16, 2026

### **ATTENDANCE**

Mark Freidly, Karen Hutchison, Mark Reeve, Richard Jester, Col. Timothy Hoyle, Connie Fox, Briana Catalon, Ronald Burkle, Nello Paoli, Betty Wyatt-Dix, Karen Pickard, Sandy Gray, Judy Diogo, Christopher Stahl, Caitlin Rozell, Ann Breeding, and Mrs. Edgar (public, MHS).

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Fox moved to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Council Meeting as presented. Mr. Reeve seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

The Budgetary Expenditure Report was discussed. Mrs. Diogo moved to accept the report as presented. Mrs. Fox 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 announced that Spring program visits are still happening, due to the snow, many had to be rescheduled. Mr. Stahl thanked the Council members who attended the school visits and asked if anyone had any comments concerning their visit.

Mr. Stahl stated that Mrs. Rozell and himself had both been attending CTE Director's Cadre through DOE meetings to help them stay up to date.

On January 13, 2026, CTE Poster Judging Committee met and chose the top 3 poster winners. The winning posters were from MOT Charter High School and Cape Henlopen High School. The judging committee consisted of Kristie Manley (DOL), Ms. Briana Catalon (student rep.), Mr. Jester (Council Member), and Ms. Deneisha Allen (DOE CTE Associate). Letters were emailed to each student to notify them of their win and invited them to attend the awards ceremony. The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce told Mr. Stahl that the winning poster will be a part of a rolling slide show at the upcoming Delaware Pathways Conference.

On January 23, 2026, Mr. Stahl and Mrs. Rozell attended the Smyrna BPA and DECA student judging event.

On January 28, 2026, CACCTE Council Members, Staff and DOE attended the CTE Proclamation voting by the House and Senate recognizing February 2026 as CTE Month in Delaware. Mr. Stahl thanked everyone involved, including legislators, for their assistance in making this possible.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Mrs. Rozell and himself attended the State BPA Conference at Bally's in Dover. Mr. Stahl stated that 900 students and teachers attended the event.

Mr. Stahl stated that on February 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, He attended the State Ed Rising conference at UD along with about 300 other teachers, students, and administrators.

On February 9, 2026, Mrs. Rozell and Mr. Stahl attended the Milford School District Advisory Meeting Day. There were about 80 community supporters, teachers, and administrators in attendance.

Mr. Stahl stated that on February 12, 2026, Mrs. Rozell and Mr. Stahl attended the State FFA Preliminary competitions to help judge career development events and assist with officer candidate selection.

Mr. Stahl also stated that on February 13, 2026, himself and Mrs. Rozell attended the State DECA awards ceremony.

On March 10, 2026, Mr. Stahl and Mrs. Rozell presented to the Delaware Association of Agriscience Educators at their meeting.

On March 12, 2026, Mr. Stahl attended the Polytech High School Career Advisory meeting. Mr. Stahl mentioned there were around 250 community members in attendance.

Mr. Stahl stated that on March 13, 2026, Mrs. Rozell and Mr. Stahl attended the Smyrna School District Career Advisory meeting. There were around 200 people in attendance.

Mr. Stahl mentioned that on March 23-25, 2026, he attended the ACTE National Policy Seminar and held meeting with Senator Coons office, Senator Blunt Rochester's office, and Representative McBride's office. He stated he met with Staff from all offices. The conference and visits were a great opportunity to discuss CTE and the current trends as they relate to Delaware.

On March 25-26, 2026, Mr. Stahl and Mrs. Rozell attended the State FFA Convention at University of Delaware. He stated that it was a great event and somewhere around 700 students and teachers were in attendance. Mrs. Rozell and Dr. Hutchison helped to run the State Officer selection process for the FFA this year.

On March 27, 2026, Mrs. Rozell participated in the Career Compass Advisory meeting to give input and direction to the Career Compass.

On March 31, 2026, Mr. Stahl and Mrs. Rozell hosted the DACCTE PD Night virtually beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon and it seems to have been successful with all teachers that attended staying engaged and logged in for the whole time. There were 20-30 educators that attended.

Also on March 31, 2026, Mr. Stahl mentioned that DACCTE received a "desk" audit from the Department of Accounting for the State. This is a routine audit of agencies where they ask us for documentation to ensure proper processes are in place. Mr. Stahl mentioned that the final report has not been received yet, but we are aware of some minor updates that are going to have to be made to the policies.

On April 1, 2026, Mrs. Rozell attended the Lake Forest School District career fair and, in the evening, she attended the Milford FFA Banquet.

Mr. Stahl stated that DACCTE is in the process of moving to a larger space in the Cooper building. He mentioned that DACCTE will incur a small expense for movers to move our large filing cabinets, Desk, etc.

Mr. Stahl stated that throughout the Spring DACCTE has been actively attending and involved with various meetings of the DE Pathways Committee, Students Success Plan Committee, Program of Study Revisions (Health Sciences, Agriculture, Business, etc.), and Public Education Funding Commission, meeting with various stakeholders/Legislators.

Mr. Stahl thanked Mrs. Fox, Mr. Freidly and Mr. Reeve for helping to choose the DACCTE Award winners for the April 16, 2026, awards ceremony.

Mr. Stahl stated on April 28, 2026, is the Pathways Conference. It will be held at Bally's in Dover and on June 4, 2026, is the New Castle County Council Meeting. DACCTE will be attending both.

More information will be sent regarding the New Castle County Council meeting along with virtual option

## **HANDOUTS**

- ~ December Meeting Minutes
- ~ Delaware CTSO Support Fund
- ~Smyrna High School Career Fair Funding Sheet
- ~Ag. Teacher Spring PD Funding Request
- ~PEFC CTE Funding Model

## **OLD BUSINESS**

SREB Funding Support- Many questions still arising from Council members, worried about where the money will actually go to. The Council members voted to respectfully say “No”. Mr. Freidly moved to accept, and Mr. Jester seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Council members suggested creating a generic document that is to be sent to all school districts for funding. They are hoping that money will not be given back at the end of the fiscal year.

The Council members also voted that DACCTE could go ahead and approve funding under \$1,500.00 and no more than \$15,000.00 for the Fiscal year without having to go to the Council first to vote. Mr. Jester moved to accept, and Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council members voted to support the Ag Teacher Spring PD Funding request by Sarah Bell. And the Smyrna High School Career Fair. Mr. Jester moved to accept, and Dr. Pickard seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING**

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2026.

## **BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Jester moved to adjourn the business meeting. Mrs. Diogo 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 was one that attended, Mrs. Morgan Edgar, who commented on the SREB Professional Development opportunities and that she was unaware of this.

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