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Full Council Meeting, October 13, 2026
MOT Charter High School
1275 Cedar Lane Road
Middletown, DE 19709

ATTENDANCE

Mark Freidly, Karen Hutchison, Richard Jester, Sandy Gray (virtual), Judy Diogo(virtual), Karen Pickard (virtual), Betty Wyatt, Rick Konysz (DOE, virtual), Rayya Karim (student council member), Claire Tomlinson (virtual, Business teacher, Red Clay District), Christopher Stahl, Caitlin Rozell, and Ann Breeding

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

APPORVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jester moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2026, Council Meeting as presented. Dr. Wyatt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

The Budgetary Expenditure Report was discussed. Mr. Freidly 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 introduced Dr. Rick Konysz, DOE. He gave his DOE report virtually.

Mr. Stahl took a moment and recognized Mr. Reeve and Dr. Vendetti for their service to the Council. They both resigned as of the June 2026 meeting. He also welcomed Rayya Karim as the new student representative. He stated how involved she is in her school curriculum.

Mr. Stahl let the Council members know that DACCTE had moved to their permanent home in the Cooper Building on the Garden level. He stated how good OMB has been to work with.

Mr. Stahl stated that the Annual Report had been sent over to the Governor's Office, Legislative Assembly, DOE CTE Director, Joint Oversight Committee Legislative Contact, and all others required by statute. All legislators are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Stahl stated that the DACCTE 2026 Delaware State Fair booth was a success. The booth was in Memorial Hall, and many Career Compasses were given out. DACCTE also helped judge FFA product entries and displays submitted by FFA students throughout the fair.

Mr. Stahl mentioned Mrs. Rozell, Dr. Hutchison and himself attended the Delaware State Fair FFA breakfast Awards Ceremony and DACCTE was recognized with a plaque of appreciation from the State FFA Association.

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

Mr. Stahl explained that the survey has been updated to Program Questionnaire through Microsoft forms. This still allows teachers the ease of use and allows us greater access to the survey building platform to make changes if needed.

Mr. Stahl stated that program visits have been updated and posted to the website. Visits this year include comprehensive, charter, technical and middle schools.

Mr. Stahl stated that program visits were underway and off to a good start. He stated that last week DACCTE visited Tally MS and MT. Pleasant HS in Brandywine District.

DACCTE has continued their participation with the CTE Director's Cadre through DOE. Mrs. Rozell represented DACCTE at the most recent meeting on October 7th, while Mr. Stahl was at a mandatory FOIA Training.

Mr. Stahl stated that DACCTE presented at the statewide DOE hosted professional development day on September 15th at the DE State Fire School. "The future of CTE Funding in DE", hundreds of attendees were in person and virtual. Mr. Stahl also stated that DACCTE will also host a Spring professional development meeting.

Mr. Stahl stated that the CTE Poster Contest has been posted to our website and information has been sent to Districts and DOE CTE Workgroup will be sharing out on their channels as well. The current Career Compass front cover was inspired by last year's winner and is also pictured on the inside cover. Mr. Stahl also stated that the budget transfer of $10,000.00 to support the Compass has been completed for FY27.
Mr. Stahl stated that as far as he can tell through budget language, the Giveback is finished.

DACCTE continues to attend virtual meetings for the PEFC that are open to the public and have also begun participating in the CTE Technical Workgroup. This group plans to develop CTE funding recommendations to be taken to the larger PEFC Commission as a whole.

Mr. Stahl stated that all CTE Grant Funding Proposals from Spring 2026 that were approved by Council were funded and all school districts received the funding.

Mr. Stahl stated that this year's Council meetings all have a PDMS number associated with them. He stated that this allows teachers the opportunity to receive clock hours toward licensure if they attend.

Mr. Stahl stated that DACCTE continues to participate in various CTE Program of Study Revisions that have been scheduled throughout the Summer and this Fall.

Mr. Stahl announced that DACCTE is officially being audited by the State Auditors Office along with school districts.

HANDOUTS

~ June Meeting Minutes
~ Budgetary Activity Page
~Ag Teacher PD Proposal
~FY28 Budget Request
~Career Compass

NEW BUSINESS

Council members were asked who would be interested in helping with the Poster Contest judging when the time comes. Mr. Jester, and Rayya Karim (student council member) volunteered. Mr. Jester also stated that just like last year, J.P. Morgan would be donating a $100.00 Amazon Card for 1st place, $50.00 Amazon Card for 2nd place and a $20.00 Amazon Card for 3rd place.

Council members were asked who would be interested in helping to judge this year's Awards when the time comes. Mr. Freidly, Mrs. Diogo and Dr. Pickard volunteered.

Council members voted to support the Ag Teacher PD Proposal, DAAE for $5,000.00. Mr. Freidly moved to accept, and Mr. Jester seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Council members voted to support the FY28 Budget request, with an added special note at the bottom of the Performance Measures stating, Current and Recommended Budget year numbers are directly influenced by numerous variables beyond our control: however, we expect to exceed these numbers. Mr. Friedly moved to accept, and Mrs. Diogo seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next DACCTE meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2026.

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jester moved to adjourn the business meeting. Dr. Wyatt 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. Mrs. Claire Tomlinson, Business teacher from Red Clay District, attended virtually. She stated that she just wanted to sit in and hear more about DACCTE and learn more in regards to how DACCTE does business.

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