

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**October 17, 2019**

The State Board of Career and Technology Education began its regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the Hodge Education Building, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final Agenda was posted at 3:12 pm, October 15, 2019, in accordance with 25 O.S. 2011, § 311(9).

Members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education present:

Mrs. Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Chair of the Board  
Dr. Marcie Mack, State Director, ex-officio nonvoting member  
Mrs. Janet Smith, Tulsa  
Mr. Michael Brown, Lawton  
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City  
Ms. Estela Hernandez, Oklahoma City  
Mr. Randy Gilbert, Tecumseh

Members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education not present:

Mr. Jimmy Stallings, Enid  
Mr. David Stewart, Afton  
Mr. Tim Burg, Shawnee

Attendees from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and other guests:

See Attachment A.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Superintendent Hofmeister called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Ms. Jessica Ventris called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Superintendent Hofmeister led Board members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, a salute to the Oklahoma flag, and a moment of silence.

### **OPENING COMMENTS**

Superintendent Hofmeister welcomed everyone. It's wonderful to see familiar faces and some I haven't met before but it's wonderful for our board to be acquainted with some of the programs and work that's going on in the state and always good to have an introduction to that and an update on other things. She thanked everyone for their service. There are many things that pull at your schedules and obligations that happen and to step away from that so that you can be here is exceptional. We cannot do this work of governing and service without you. Thank you.

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Mack welcomed board members and Superintendent Hofmeister. I have a few things for you all:

- The FY19 Fast Facts are printed. At our board meeting in September we showed you some of our interactive data. That is published and on our website (About/CareerTech System/Interactive data). You will find three year comparisons, different ways to go in and look at all of these components and compare to various locations and various years.
- The latest Rules book for Career and Technology Education dated September 13, 2019. These are the rules you passed last March that went into effect September 13, 2019.
- The Oklahoma Manufacturing Summit will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow.
- The Aerospace Forum is on October 30<sup>th</sup>, being held at the Cox Convention Center. I have the opportunity to speak on workforce.
- We will send you some information on the Manufacturing: A Celebration of Collaboration and Innovation on November 19<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance with Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, highlighting the importance of manufacturing in our state.
- In May our agency was selected for an audit by the State Auditor's office. Our audit should be finalized and completed by the end of next week. We will email that information out as soon as we receive that. All of the audit conversations were great and I want to commend Lisa Batchelder and her staff for doing an exceptional job and making sure everything is in order.

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- We started our Perkins V training across the state this week along with Guidance Fest with our partnership with the State Department of Education in providing information to counselors across the state.
- We will have our Local directors meeting next week for all of our local directors that are in our K-12 partner schools. We convene with them once a year.
- Cori Gray is also working to set a meeting on our energy career cluster with our various partners to move that forward.
- National FFA Convention is at the end of October in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- New Skills for Youth with staff from the State Department of Education, Higher Education and business partners is coming up later this month.

### **1.05 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

Ms. Estela Hernandez moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 regular meeting. Ms. Janet Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Hernandez, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Ms. Smith, yes; Mr. Gilbert, yes; Superintendent Hofmeister, yes. Motion carried. A copy is on file at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

### **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **2.01 GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH – MS. PAULA BOWLES, COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

Ms. Paula Bowles talked about this being our third year to receive the proclamation on construction month to highlight what we do in CareerTech in construction, training and to development that workforce. In addition to the Proclamation, our social and web media has been posting all month about construction, how important construction is to the economy in the State and what we do in CareerTech to move that forward. Ms. Bowles read the proclamation.

We're really appreciative of the recognition for all the work that's being done and like I said we have augmented this with our social and web presence for the month of October especially since we do it all year long but especially during the month of October we like to highlight those particular programs.

#### **2.02 PRESENTATION ON MOBILE CONSTRUCTION TRAILER FROM OUR SKILLS CENTER PROGRAM AT CLARA WATERS COMMUNITY CENTER, OKLAHOMA CITY – MR. KENT ROOF, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

Dr. Mack introduced Mr. Kent Roof and pointed out that the mobile construction trailer is in the parking lot as we all came in today. Mr. Roof is going to explain the program that we do, and we do have multiple partners with us today and so we want to make sure that we introduce those because it is a true reflection of the partnerships that we get to form and that makes this happen.

Kent Roof he is one of the regional directors for the western region from the skill center division. Dr. Mack has told all of you about our behind-the-wall programs that we have across the state. We wanted to think outside the box a little bit because not all of our students can get served in some of the programs. We try to think of a way we can serve but not go behind the wall. We've done it one other time; we had a welding trailer and we did that with some second-chance programs by training those students at Clara Waters at OCCC which was when it was the men's community corrections. Here what you saw, some of you have been outside and saw the trailer, and I hope you come out and see it again, we decided to do this with construction. We have an 8' x 14' trailer that is loaded with a generator and quite a few tools that you could pull on-site anywhere and you could just about build a complete house right there. We want to serve those that missed our program somewhere but that need the tools and the skills to get a good job. Construction is going on everywhere. Our first class had seven students. This is our second class. The program is six weeks long and the students do OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and forklift training up front. Dr. Mack talked about our partnership; you've heard about the village and we can't do it alone. We've got a great partnership in TEEM (The Education and Employment Ministry), Metro Technology Center, the Department of Corrections and Mr. Rudek here with The Department of Corrections.

Right now we have seven (7) guys that came from Clara Waters Community Corrections then we have a young lady that comes from Oklahoma City Community Corrections so we have eight (8) total students. The students do OSHA and forklift training, then our adjunct instructor Jim Alvares and Jose, who is an instructor at Metro Technology Center at the South Bryant Campus, they tag-team week after week by bringing their skills and teach the students. This is just one of our partnerships. The trailer has been mobile where we can take it to other places and get those served like that we need to do and do the best we can. If you have any questions for me. I know Chris may want to come up and talk a little bit.

Mr. Bobek had a statement. I had a chance to meet some of you outside and I am very impressed with the trailer and saw what they did. They have designed the interior for one thing but then the inmates had kind of recreated even more innovative shelving in there. It was very impressive and so I just applaud the work that's being done. I think it's fantastic

Mr. Roof said they do some basic skills, some group work, learn some applied math with construction, do a couple little projects and start getting into stuff down there. They have put some two by four walls together just using those skills that they learned while they're at TEEM and Metro Technology Center.

Mr. Kris Steele said thank you so much for the opportunity to be here today. Let me tell you about the value of this partnership, this collaboration. It would not exist but for CareerTech, the Department of Corrections, Metro Technology Center and our employment partners. I just want to start with the premise that justice involved people in Oklahoma are among the most resourceful, resilient, determined and oftentimes talented people in our state. We believe that people deserve a second chance and there's no such thing as a spare Oklahoman. I cannot

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emphasize this collaboration, these training opportunities, literally changes the trajectory of an individual's ability to make a living and take care of their family post-release. I wish I had the words to describe how important this partnership is. We have lots of stories that we could tell you of the transformations that takes place. I'll just offer a couple. If you go on the Department of Corrections website you will see a story, a video feature, of one of our construction graduates named Alex Evans who is working on the convention center downtown Oklahoma City. He will explain to you what this opportunity has meant to him and his family and what his future looks like now as a result of where we're at. The creativity, the flexibility, the "we're going to find a way to make this happen" and "do it right and do it well" is reflected in every aspect of the collaboration. We realize that the construction industry is growing and that there's a need for more employers who have basic understanding.

We contacted Greg Dewald and said that we would really like to offer a construction trades class, a basic safety class, but we don't have the space, the equipment or the facilities to do so. Greg said give me a few weeks. He brought us a portable classroom and it's out in the parking lot right now. The latest project, just to tell you of how this is continuing to evolve, that this class just completed is a full-blown storage shed, that any of us would be happy to have. The work is just second to none. We are a non-profit, we are a United Way partner agency. We're one of about 60 in the Oklahoma City area. We were trying to think of what would be the best use of this storage shed and how we could really use it to demonstrate and showcase the talent, the gift within the people who may be involved in the criminal justice system in Oklahoma. So what we and the participants decided to do is donate the shed to United Way. They are going to auction it off and the money that's raised from that will be used to support all the nonprofit's throughout the city of Oklahoma City and in the process we're going to get to show exactly what our participants are capable of doing. I just want to say that the opportunity to partner with CareerTech and the willingness for you all to step up and say we want to help every Oklahoman reach their full potential is greatly appreciated. I feel like that we're fortunate to get to see the inspirational side and the transformational side and I just want to say two other quick things.

We have a gentleman that was in this class, he was just released last Thursday, he's free now and doing great in his life but he came in with a construction background. He came into the program way ahead of the rest of the group, in about two weeks of the program he said you know what I just don't think that I have anything to offer because I've already done this for 10 years before I was incarcerated. I just don't think this class is a good fit for me. Greg and I processed what we needed to do with this gentleman. I want to say that he wound up being a mentor in the class for the other participants and he helped them right alongside our instructors to make sure that they were doing everything the right way. He had ownership and his role became to make sure that everybody in the class was successful in their work and they took pride in their work. We find a way to meet everyone where they're at and it's just a great thing.

I want to say a special word of thanks to Courtney Perry with Metro Technology Center. She is there when we say that we're ready to start a new class, maybe even before we're ready to start a new class. She's finding the way to make it happen alongside Kent Roof, Greg Dewald and Mr. Rudek. Thank you to everyone and including Dr. Mack. It's a real honor to get to be a part of helping a person put the pieces of their life back together and move forward in a positive and

productive way. We continue to gain employment partners each week who are very interested in providing that second chance and that opportunity for a person who's ready. Thank you.

Ms. Hernandez wanted to thank Mr. Steele and Mr. Roof for all of their hard work alongside the team that makes it all work. I know for me personally every day is construction since I am in that business but I've seen your work with criminal justice reform, I've followed it, what I would like to know is how many individuals do you currently have going through that are benefiting from it as of today?

Mr. Steele said that he'll answer the question, however, he wanted to mention the historic and kudos to the Governor for making this happen but in about three (3) weeks on November 4th there are going to be 800 individuals who are going to be reunited with their families who are going to be coming out of the Oklahoma prison system from low level charges that are now misdemeanors and because the Governor has exercised leadership to make those reforms apply retroactively. Just to let you know how this collaboration continues to grow; The Department of Human Services through one of our other partners in this program, Public Strategies, has some funding for employment and training services. They have offered to cover the cost for an additional 65 individuals who are going to be commuted on November 4<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of these trainings. That's in addition to what we normally do. In a given year we serve, on the re-entry side about 400 people. Not all of those people are ready or are able to take advantage of the full trainings but I would say when we have a complete year under we will be serving about a hundred (100), we have the Construction Trades trailer, we have cohorts of about ten to twelve in each class, it's a six-week course and then in addition to that through our relationship we have a culinary certification class that we also teach and we have about 10 to 15 who go through that program, Medi-clip, as well.

Dr. Mack said she would like the opportunity for each partner to introduce themselves. Our partners that also work on this are Mr. Kent Roof, he works at the department as a regional director; Mr. Greg Dewald is the Superintendent over all of our skill center areas; Ms. Courtney Perry, Industrial Coordinator with Metro Technology Center; Ms. Abby Otto, Site Supervisor for TEEM; and Mr. James Rudek, Regional Director for community corrections facilities

## **MANAGEMENT INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **3.01 PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS HIRING A WORK BASED LEARNING LIASION (AUTHORITY: 25 O.S. 2011, § 301 (B)(1))**

There was not an executive session. Dr. Mack gave the recommendation for hiring H.L. Baird for the work based learning liasion. There were a few questions that Dr. Mack answered.

Mr. Bobek moved to hire H.L. Baird as presented with an effective date of November 1, 2019. Mr. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Gilbert, yes; Ms. Smith, yes; Mr. Brown, yes; Mr. Bobek, yes; Ms. Hernandez, yes; Superintendent Hofmeister, yes.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gilbert said the National FFA convention will be in Indianapolis the end of October. I am very proud to say that one of our partners, not only with CareerTech, but also the Oklahoma FFA Association that Mr. Bob Funk will be recognized as a National VIP recipient for his caring not only about CareerTech but also the FFA Association.

Mr. Brown said he wanted to brag about Great Plains Technology Center. We were challenged with the program we had to react quickly, we were headed to Washington DC this week just flew in last night. We were able to lead with creativity and flexibility is something that is, in my opinion, somewhat unique to CareerTech. We're working in conjunction with Cameron University, OU and OSU but there's no way we could have done what we needed to do, in the time we had to do it, with those particular institutions. No offense to them but this is unique to how CareerTech can lead with flexibility and creativity. We were able to put together this little brochure.

At Lawton Fort Sill there is a new army command called the Army Futures Command that was set up in Austin, Texas. A four-star general is running that program. They have created eight (8) what they call cross-functional teams; those cross-functional teams are responsible for helping innovate using entrepreneurs to get new products to our soldiers faster and to help with the procedures, that usually takes 10 years for any cool new thing for our soldiers to use, to shrink that time. Two (2) of the cross-functional teams, eight (8) of them in the world, are at Ft. Sill. Twenty-six (26) employees with \$100,000 a year average pay. These are things that we did not have to recruit from an economic development standpoint, however, the work with our lobbyists in Washington, DC told us that we are going to need to talk to all these government people that are involved like Saab and General Dynamics and Ultra. You need to have a program ready to go. We created what's called the Fires Innovation Science and Technology Accelerator (FISTA) program. We hope to create a building or a group of buildings to go along with that. Great Plains Technology Center agreed to have our director, James Taylor who is a CareerTech employee at Great Plains. They put this brochure together in two days, we'd love to have a little bit more but it was something we could use. We printed about a hundred of these and only have a few left. The brochures are going out to all the different folks in military contracting. I just think it's a great story to show how unique we can be and how we need to continue to leverage our creativity when it comes to the ability to react quickly. This is a story, in my opinion, that shows that. We're fortunately going to reap a lot of rewards for it and I hope to be able to come back and report to you again on some of the great people that are looking at locating at Lawton Fort Sill because the FISTA program. Great Plains Technology Center took the lead and they didn't have to.


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### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Career and Technology Education will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will convene at Oliver Hodge Education Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

  
Joy Holmeijster, Chair of the Board

  
Angela Jones, Executive Assistant  
to the CareerTech State Director and Secretary  
of the CareerTech Board