

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD,
OLIVER HODGE BUILDING, ROOM 1-20
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

March 26, 2026

The State Board of Career and Technology Education began its regular meeting at 9:03 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK, and the meeting was also streamed on YouTube. Notice of the meeting and the final agenda were posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act prior to 8:59 a.m. on March 25, 2026, in accordance with 25 O.S. § 311(9).

Members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education present and all appeared in person:

Mr. Lindel Fields, state superintendent of public instruction and chair of the board
Mr. Brent Haken, state director, ex-officio nonvoting member
Mr. Brian Bobek, Oklahoma City
Mr. Michael Brown, Lawton
Mr. Ryan Deatherage, Kingfisher
Mr. Peter Dillingham, Enid
Mr. Randy Gilbert, Tecumseh, entered at 9:04 a.m. during agenda item 1.03
Mr. Rob Seeman, Morris

Members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education who were absent:

Ms. Shaelynn Haning, Tulsa
Mr. Leonard McCullough, Tulsa

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

See Attachment A.

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Fields called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., and Ms. Ashley Rink called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

1.02 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, SALUTE TO THE OKLAHOMA STATE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the Oklahoma State Flag and a moment of silence were led by Superintendent Fields.

1.03 OPENING COMMENTS

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mr. Lindel Fields welcomed attendees and expressed appreciation for the strong attendance, including the presence of students and representatives from across the state.

The superintendent shared that he is approaching six months in the role and reported that operations at the state department are progressing well. Updates were noted regarding improvements to the agency's front entrance and reception area to create a more welcoming environment.

An update was provided on the ongoing legislative session. He noted that a bill providing a \$2,000 across-the-board teacher pay raise recently passed the House and will continue through the legislative process. Additionally, he highlighted ongoing discussions related to literacy initiatives, including legislation focused on literacy, teacher recruitment and retention, with the expectation that a comprehensive literacy package will be developed.

The superintendent expressed appreciation for Director Haken's leadership and concluded remarks before yielding the floor.

No action was taken.

1.04 DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Haken welcomed attendees and expressed appreciation for their attendance during a busy spring season.

Director Haken recognized a group from Kiamichi Technology Centers in attendance, participating in a leadership academy and observing agency and board operations. He expressed appreciation for the investment in staff development.

Director Haken noted that it is CTSO season, with ongoing student organization activities and participation across the state.

An update was provided on the ongoing legislative session. Director Haken reported that the agency's priority policy measures have successfully passed their first chamber

and will advance in the legislative process. He also noted staff engagement at the Capitol and participation in Workforce Day at the Capitol.

Director Haken shared that strategic planning efforts are progressing well and will be discussed further during the meeting. He concluded remarks by expressing appreciation for attendance and anticipation of a productive meeting.

No action was taken.

1.05 CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

A Ceremonial Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Randy Gilbert, appointed to the State Board of Career and Technology Education for a six-year term beginning April 2, 2026, and ending April 1, 2032, representing the Fifth Congressional District - State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Board Chair or State Director of Career and Technology Education.

No action was taken.

1.06 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Randy Gilbert and seconded by Mr. Michael Brown to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2026, regular meeting.

Voting Results:

Mr. Brian Bobek, yes
Mr. Michael Brown, yes
Mr. Ryan Deatherage, yes
Mr. Peter Dillingham, yes
Mr. Randy Gilbert, yes
Mr. Rob Seeman, yes
Superintendent Fields, yes

Motion carried.

2 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.01 PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF OKLAHOMA HOSA AND HEALTH SCIENCE EDUCATION UPDATE – MS. LARA MORRIS, STATE PROGRAM MANAGER AND STUDENT HOSA OFFICERS.

Ms. Lara Morris provided an update on Health Science Education initiatives, including student engagement events, health care career fairs, apprenticeship opportunities, grant-funded program expansion and articulation agreements.

Oklahoma HOSA student officers provided an overview of program activities, leadership opportunities and upcoming events.

No action was taken.

3 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

3.01 DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF AGENCY GOALS - MR. BRENT HAKEN, STATE DIRECTOR OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION.

Mr. Brent Haken provided an update on the agency's strategic planning process, including review of mission and vision statements, development of measurable outcomes and identification of key focus areas.

He reported the process includes stakeholder input, leadership team engagement and ongoing development of goals and implementation strategies, with anticipated completion in the coming months.

No action was taken.

4 MANAGEMENT ACTION ITEMS

4.01 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FULL POSTSECONDARY ACCREDITATION FOR METRO TECHNOLOGY CENTERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 – MR. JOEY VANEK, ACCREDITATION MANAGER

Mr. Joey Vanek presented the accreditation recommendation for Metro Technology Centers School District No. 22. He reported the review process had been previously presented at the February 19 board Meeting. The accreditation team recommended full accreditation.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan Deatherage and seconded by Mr. Randy Gilbert to approve full accreditation of Metro Technology Centers.

Voting Results:

Mr. Brian Bobek, abstain
Mr. Michael Brown, yes
Mr. Ryan Deatherage, yes
Mr. Peter Dillingham, yes
Mr. Randy Gilbert, yes
Mr. Rob Seeman, yes
Superintendent Fields, abstain

Motion carried with two abstentions.

4.02 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FULL POSTSECONDARY ACCREDITATION FOR PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 – MR. JOEY VANEK, ACCREDITATION MANAGER.

Mr. Joey Vanek presented the accreditation review report for Pioneer Technology Center conducted October 28-30, 2025. The review included 25 examiners and 63 stakeholder interviews.

He reported no areas of noncompliance and highlighted strengths including adult education programs, innovative secondary-to-postsecondary pathways and extensive articulation agreements.

The accreditation team recommended full accreditation.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Dillingham and seconded by Mr. Michael Brown to approve full accreditation of Pioneer Technology Center.

Voting Results:

Mr. Brian Bobek, yes
Mr. Michael Brown, yes
Mr. Ryan Deatherage, yes
Mr. Peter Dillingham, yes
Mr. Randy Gilbert, yes
Mr. Rob Seeman, yes
Superintendent Fields, yes

Motion carried.

4.03 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FULL POSTSECONDARY ACCREDITATION FOR EASTERN OKLAHOMA COUNTY TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 – MR. JOEY VANEK, ACCREDITATION MANAGER.

Mr. Joey Vanek presented the accreditation review report for Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center conducted November 12-14, 2025. The review included 26 examiners and 40 stakeholder interviews.

He reported no areas of noncompliance and recommended full accreditation.

A motion was made by Mr. Brian Bobek and seconded by Mr. Ryan Deatherage to approve the full accreditation of Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center.

Voting Results:

Mr. Brian Bobek, yes

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Mr. Michael Brown, yes
Mr. Ryan Deatherage, yes
Mr. Peter Dillingham, yes
Mr. Randy Gilbert, yes
Mr. Rob Seeman, yes
Superintendent Fields, yes

Motion carried.

**4.04 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FULL POSTSECONDARY
ACCREDITATION FOR RED RIVER TECHNOLOGY CENTER SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 19 – MR. JOEY VANEK, ACCREDITATION MANAGER.**

Mr. Joey Vanek presented the accreditation review report for Red River Technology Center conducted November 18–20, 2025. The review included 25 examiners and 33 stakeholder interviews.

He reported no areas of noncompliance and recommended full accreditation.

A motion was made by Mr. Randy Gilbert and seconded by Mr. Peter Dillingham to approve the full accreditation of Red River Technology Center.

Voting Results:

Mr. Brian Bobek, yes
Mr. Michael Brown, yes
Mr. Ryan Deatherage, yes
Mr. Peter Dillingham, yes
Mr. Randy Gilbert, yes
Mr. Rob Seeman, yes
Superintendent Fields, yes

Motion carried.

5 NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business requiring action.


6 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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The next regular meeting of the State Board of Career and Technology Education will be Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A copy of the minutes is on file at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.



Lindel Fields, State Superintendent
of Public Instruction and Chair of the Board



Ashley Rink, Executive Assistant
to the CareerTech State Director and
Secretary of the CareerTech Board