

**Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education
May 18, 2026 Meeting**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, in the Sakakawea Room at the State Capitol and via Microsoft Teams. It was called to order by Chair Sonia Meehl at 10:00 am CT. Voting members present include:

Board Member Patrick Bertagnolli
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom
Board Member Morgan Forness
Deputy Commissioner Lisa Johnson
Vice-Chair Mike McHugh
Chair Sonia Meehl
Board Member Eric Nelson
Board Member Jason Rohr

Also present: Wayde Sick, Gwen Ferderer, John Gruenberg, Mark Openshaw, Duane Poitra, Brad LaRocque, Daniel Driessen, Lyle Krueger, Laurie Elliott, Marcia McMahon, Mike Hanson, Pat Phillips, Kellie Hall, Becky Ulberg, Pam Stroklund, Jessica DeVaal, Kelly Pierce, Dawn Ulmer and Lorie Ruff.

Meeting chat information for this meeting does not exist.

Be Legendary Governance – Student Outcome Goal GPM 2.2-WBL Completion

Director Sick referenced the PowerPoint presentation that was included in the material packet and reviewed Goal 2 and Goal Progress Measure 2.2. The target for 2024-25 was 45% and our progress is currently 62.9%. The next step to continue attaining our goal is to identify schools/consortiums that have not met the WBL target and provide technical assistance.

Director Guardrail 3.1-Trained WBL Coordinators and 3.2-Employed WBL Coordinators

Director Sick then reviewed Director Guardrail 3 and his progress measures. The 2025-26 target for number of individuals that are trained as WBL Coordinators is 85. Our current progress is 123. As we have surpassed our target, we will evaluate the necessity of continuing to provide full WBL Coordinator training. We plan to develop and deliver instructor WBL training, which would not provide for an endorsement, but expand awareness of WBL.

Director Sick then reviewed Progress Measure 3.2 – the number of individuals employed as WBL Coordinators. The target for 2025-26 was 20 and our current progress is 20. Next steps include continuing to strengthen the WBL Coordinator network, providing mentorship and train the trainer opportunities as well as secure additional funding to support local WBL Coordinators operations.

Morgan Forness moved to accept Director Sick's Progress Monitoring report as presented and it was seconded by Mike McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Mike McHugh moved to approve and accept the items listed on the consent agenda and it was seconded by Lyndsi Engstrom. The motion passed unanimously.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action – Approve the TMACTC Proposal:

Director Sick gave an overview of the proposal that was included in the material packet and introduced Dr. Kellie Hall, CTE Director; Brad LaRocque, High School Principal and Duane Poitra, Business Manager.

Eric Nelson moved to approve the Turtle Mountain Area Career and Technology Center proposal and it was seconded by Lyndsi Engstrom.

Duane Poitra informed Board Members of the collaborative efforts between Turtle Mountain School District and surround school districts to establish the Center. Partners for the Center include St. John Public School, Mt. Pleasant Public School, Rolette Public School, Turtle Mountain Community High School and Turtle Mountain Community College. Future plans include the potential addition of Dunseith High School. The Center will originate as a satellite sharing instructors and facilities with the goal of securing future funds to expand facilities.

Discussion was held on the challenges they had with school district schedules.

Levi Bachmeier arrived at the meeting at 10:50 am.

With no further discussion a roll call vote was administered:

Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom - Yes
Board Member Morgan Forness – Yes
Deputy Commissioner Lisa Johnson – Yes
Vice-Chair Mike McHugh – Yes
Board Member Eric Nelson – Yes
Board Member Jason Rohr - Yes
Superintendent Levi Bachmeier – Yes
Board Member Pat Bertagnolli – Yes
Chair Sonia Meehl - Yes
9-0-0 Absent

Information Only:

Chair Meehl reported that the ND FFA State Convention invitation and April 2026 Board Time Tracker were included in the material packet.

Mark Openshaw gave background information on the makeup of this Board and how election of the President is handled. He informed members that during the retreat, the Board should develop an election policy that includes how to nominate someone and term limit for the President. Lyndsi Engstrom emphasized that this policy will be included in the Procedural Manual when created.

Board Comments:

Chair Meehl thanked Mr. Bertagnolli for his service on this Board and to the State of North Dakota as this will be his last meeting. He will be retiring June 12.

She then welcomed Deputy Commissioner Lisa Johnson as the official designee to this Board by Commissioner Brent Sanford.

Finally, Chair Meehl thanked Laurie Elliott and Marcia McMahon for their training to the Board. Their contract will end in May.

Director Sick informed members that an email invite to the CTSO Banquet will be coming to them this afternoon. Chair Meehl expressed that this may be an opportunity for members to present our community engagement presentation.

Chair Meehl informed members that her term as well as Jason Rohr's will terminate in June.

There being no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.