

**Minutes for State Board for Career and Technical Education
September 23, 2025 Meeting**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the State Board for Career and Technical Education was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the Peace Garden Room at State Capitol and via Microsoft Teams. It was called to order by Chair Sonia Meehl at 10:02 am CT.

Voting members present include:

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler
Board Member Lyndsi Engstrom
Director of Academic Affairs Claire Gunwall proxy for Chancellor Brent Sanford
Board Member Eric Nelson
Board Member Jason Rohr

Also present: Wayde Sick, John Gruenberg, Gwen Ferderer, Laurie Elliott, Marcia McMahon, Mark Openshaw, Daniel Spellerberg, Pam Stroklund, Kenzie Brown, Lyle Krueger, Mike Hanson, Becky Ulberg, Eric Ripley, Wayne Heckaman, Randal Brockman, Les Jensen and Lorie Ruff.

Meeting chat information for this meeting does not exist.

Outcome Progress Monitoring:

Director Sick presented a Rural vs Non-Rural Recommendation for Student Outcome Goal 3 and expressed the difficulty on reporting those numbers due to lack of a definition of rural student and the lack of data collection. Discussion was held if all departments such as CTE and Department of Public Instruction should use the same definitions. Superintendent Baesler stated that each agency has a specific set of measurements and outcomes and to have a unique definition based on our needs would be acceptable.

Once definitions are set, the Board will revisit their Goal Progress Measures for Goal #3.

Consent Agenda:

Eric Nelson moved to approve and accept the items listed on the consent agenda and it was seconded by Jason Rohr. The motion passed unanimously.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

CTE Secondary Program Funding Policy

As requested by the Board, Director Sick has provided a proposed funding policy for discussion and approval. However, Chair Meehl and Director Sick have been informed that the Governor's Office is interested in obtaining more information about this funding policy and a meeting has been set up for September 30 to allow his office to provide any input they may have. Chair Meehl informed members that Director Sick will continue to present his recommendations and open it for discussion, but this item will be tabled until a future meeting to allow for Governor's input.

Director Sick presented his recommendations and the Funding Policy. Discussion was held on the base allocation and program tiers. It was stressed that tiered funding needs to be added in the policy using multipliers and if possible, can the Department implement that for the 2026-27 funding. Some members stated that they are not comfortable with the CTE Director FTE funding allocation.

The Department will continue to work on a program tiering system and funding allocations.

The Funding Subcommittee will reconvene after the Department's meeting with the Governor's Office.

Information Only:

Chair Meehl referenced the August Time Tracker that was included in the material packet and informed members that a Board Self Evaluation will be completed during next month's meeting.

Board Comments:

Eric Nelson mentioned that the Bakken Area CTE Center was very well represented at the ND Petroleum Council.

Director Sick attended the ribbon cutting at the Career Academy at Silver Ranch and he will be part of the panel discussion during the Governor's Workforce Summit at BSC next week.

There being no other business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.