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Career and Technical Education Committee (CTEC)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Attendees: Julian Solis, Angela Olmanson, Wende Bohlke, Byron Ramey, Melanie Palomino, Heather Rahman, Kathleen Antokhin

Charge:

- Raise awareness of CTE and connect programs to funding (Perkins, Strong Workforce) to expand pathways.
- Intersecting with PRAC and Institutional equipment Committee

Student Equity and Achievement Plan:

- District is creating a new plan for 2025-2028
- Angela will send that out to the committee, asks committee members to respond and engage with it as appropriate.
- See Student Equity and Achievement Plan documents

Perkins:

- Annual and Federal source of funding, usually funds equipment requests. Amount is typically around \$100k.
- A \$32k surplus from the current Perkins cycle must be spent by June 30, 2026.
- The funds must go to Auto Tech or Machine Metals because their programs are already approved in the required Community Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), simplifying the application process. Community Local Needs Assessment to help decide how we're going to utilize Perkins funding.

- Looking for CTEC committee support in reviewing the funding applications and providing questions, feedback, suggestions for the applications that have come forward. To be reviewed before the next CTEC meeting. From there, make recommendations that we need more information or another source of funding or to make approvals.
- Both Grant and Ron put in for requests through the IEC. Those weren't funded under Strong Workforce, but we could fund them under Perkins.
- See proposal documents

AB323:

- A major policy change allowing Strong Workforce funds for paid student work-based learning.
- Allowable Uses: Paid internships, externships, apprenticeships; student-run enterprises (e.g., paying students for leadership roles in the Student Nurse Association).
- The Chancellor's Office has until June 2026 to issue final rules, so the current broad interpretation may narrow.
- Request that CTEC committee starts spreading the word on AB323 to colleagues or other committees, will also be info on AB323 Strong Workforce Application
- Possible to host a flex session on AB323
- AB 323 is going to utilize strong workforce funding, it's not an additional pot.
- See AB 323 Summary document

Strong Workforce Round 10:

- The new application will open in spring 2025, will require student-specific data for Chancellor's Office reporting.
- \$75k–\$100k available for the 2026–27 academic year, may have some residual funding this spring to make awards
- Successful applications will tie together vision 2030, college's strategic plan, labor market information, and make a good case for student outcomes, student improvements, equity.
- Strong Workforce comes into play where other funding sources do not. First route would be to go through the Institutional Equipment Committee.
- Timeline: decisions made by early April to have them approved by PRAC, and then implemented either as soon as possible or as of July 1 next year.
- Any Strong Workforce questions or ideas can be directed to Kathleen.

Student CTEC Members:

- 2 vacant student committee member spots to be filled on CTEC. Can be students already in the field or who need more mentoring and resume-building.
- Melanie can help guide interested students through the ASCOM process to get appointed to the committee.

Next Meeting:

- Jan 28, 2026 10:30-12. Ron and Grant will present their Perkins proposals, and Kathleen will report on process update and expectations.