



**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Association of Career & Technical**  
**Administrators**

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025 • 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Welcome**

Darby Copeland, PACTA State President

- Meeting began at 1:01 p.m.
- There were 82 participants.

#### **Legislative Update**

Andy Goodman, Managing Partner, Milliron & Goodman Government Relations

Scott Rogers, PACTA Advocacy/Legislative Chair

- Dr. Rogers provided a legislative update.
- Senate Lynda Schlegel Culver is the majority chair, and Lindsey Williams is the minority chair.
- Representative Pete Sweeney is democrat chair, and Bryan Cutler is republican minority.
- The legislative committee met this morning and will be finalizing the 2025 legislative priorities and giving to the executive committee to approve.

#### **Partner Spotlight**

Carrie Amann – Executive Director, Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association

- PWDA has been an organization for over 40 years, its mission to support professional development, technical assistance, and policy advocacy and its network of members including workforce boards, education and training organizations, community organizations, employment and staffing companies and economic development and industry members.
- WFD in PA has 22 regions within the commonwealth – employer, education, training providers and building and career pathways
- PA for the past few decades had a higher rate of unemployment than the country average, so more money was given to the state for workforce development.
- Unemployment rate has shifted and not as much money coming in. PA does not invest any money into WFD.
- ALICE data – a United Way campaign – working people who make too much for assistance but do not make enough for a sustainable living. Single - \$28, 116.00 and Family – 83, 700 are considered sustainable wages.
- 41% combined ALICE and living below the poverty level.
- Driven by the labor market.
- Federal Policy Funding – WIOA reauthorization, budget appropriations, delegation engagement and cross systems (Perkins < > WIOA).
- State Legislation and Administrative – Everyone is talking about WFD and CTE, new leaders, new committees and a presence.
- PWDA Strategic Priorities – Policy and advocacy agenda, demonstrating workforce innovation, apprenticeship and work-based learning, strategic partnerships.
- Has been a cross-system partner with PACTA since 2023.
- Resources: professional development, technical assistance.
- J. Pulver indicated that PWDA has been a good partnership and emphasized the importance of collaboration between CTE and workforce development system. They hope to facilitate apprenticeships and work-based learning models.

#### **Bureau of Career and Technical Education Update**

Judd Pittman, State Director and Lisa Golding, Staff

Bureau of Career and Technical Education, PA Department of Education

- Competitive Equipment Grant went out late on Friday if any questions about the applications, reach out to the team.
- Labor and Industry Workforce Grant – will be coming out with an email update
- Perkins and APT Teams out in the field will be sending out a survey. Please take the time to fill out the short survey on how the team performed.
- Survey coming out through Penn State Greater Allegheny about Educator Workforce. Will have about three weeks to submit.
- Educator pathways will flush out with centers and give clear guidance for those looking to become certified.
- Continue conversations with L&I on pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship and bring alignment to the table.
- Sneak peek on Federal Credibility Report – PA looked good across all indicators but two. Struggle over the same areas over the past few years. How to continue support for teachers.
- Doing some great work in the field. Visit schools and see the ideas and accomplishments that students will take with them for life.
- Industry Credentials – Education CIP and PARA working to allow those to move into education with a earn and learn to become an educator
- Open-minded about the metric to success there are differences between the metrics
- Now is the time to invite federal legislators as well as state legislators to your schools and showcase and share the narrative of CTE.
- Did not hear anything on the Supplemental Grant – 70 schools did not apply, critical to contact legislators on the need to freeze the vocational adm for the supplemental grant.

### **PACTA Update/Activities**

John Pulver, PACTA Executive Director

- The Executive committee will be meeting on February 12 at Hershey Lodge during the day. A change from the past with an evening meeting.
- Pre-Conference on the 12th on AI, registration is open.
- Dr. Rogers will be hosting a curriculum model workshop also on the 12th.
- Symposium February 13 a celebration luncheon of students, educators, honor presidential scholars, CTSO leaders – invitation to Governor Shapiro but has not been confirmed date is right after budget announcement. No dinner
- Membership meeting – please review the by-laws as a vote will be taking place at the meeting in Hershey. If any questions contact John Pulver, if issues on viewing contact Lori Bell.
- All activities for this year are approved for ACT 48.
- ACT 45 is approved per event.
- PILs are all Act 45 approved.
- Received a few donations for VAP through EITC.
- Western Study Tour is scheduled March 3-5. Schools hosting are Crawford CTC, Mercer County Career Center, AW Beattie Tech and Parkway Center CTC.
- ACTE Policy Seminar in March register through ACTE.
- Perkins VI may be coming out in 2025-26.
- National level Michael Herrera was voted to ACTE region 1.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.