



Arizona CTE Quality Commission Meeting Notes – July 12, 2026

Attendees: Ashish Amresh (NAU), Jennifer Brooks (AZ CTE Curriculum Consortium), Joann Bueno (AZ-DES), Andrew Cleg (Central Arizona College), Michelle Crary (Gilbert Public Schools), Corey Foster (AZAGC The Construction Association), Harry Garewal (Trin & Associates), Scott Holman (Amkor), Kevin Imes (ADE), Nick Irigoyen (Semi Foundation), Jennifer Kaufman (MCCCD), Heather Kohn (Honeywell Aerospace), Debbie Kovesdy (GenTech), Whitney Lennon (AZ Mining Association), Richard Lopez (BMO Bank), Michelle Martinez (ADE), Tracy Rexroat (ADE), Tony Riggs (Need These), Rebecca Robinson (ACOVA), Dawn Rogers (Arizona Masonry Council), Eric Sorenson (ACOVA), Kayla Staggs (ADE), Trevor Stokes (The Partnership for Workforce Innovation), Ginnie Strait (Gilbert Public Schools), Rachael Tashbrook (OEO), Mike Terrey (ACTEAZ), Danielle Vaughn (CRAS), Bruce Watkins (ADE), Matt Weber (NAVIT), Hugh Wolf (ADE), Jeffrey Wooley (AZ DHS), Elena Zee (ACEE), Terri Ziegler (ADE)

Call Meeting to Order – Welcome and Introductions: Trevor Stokes welcomed everyone and reviewed agenda and order of meeting.

Your Role as a Quality Commissioner for Arizona CTE: Kevin Imes discussed the purpose of the committee and role of each member.

Labor Market Information – In-demand Industry: Rachael Tashbrook reminded the Commission about the employer engagement survey component of the annual in-demand education analysis. She requested their assistance distributing the survey to industry partners.

Technical Standards Validation Process and Outcome: Judy Balogh reviewed the processes of how CTE programs and Technical Skills Assessments are developed and updated. She discussed how the Technical Skills Assessments prepare students for industry certifications and further education and training. The results of Technical Skills Assessments help teachers monitor and adjust their instruction.

New/Updated Programs Standards, Technical Standards, and Certifications for Approval: Michelle Martinez and her team of program specialists rereviewed the new and updated standards for: Cosmetology and Related Services; Digital Photography; Graphic Design; Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology; Semiconductor Manufacturing and Technology, Sports Medicine, and Rehabilitation

Call for Approval of New and Updated Standards and Technical Standards: Trevor Stokes called for approval of the new and updated standards reviewed by the commission. Jeff Wooley moved to approve the list, Corey Foster seconded the motion, all members approved unanimously.

Call for Approval of New and Updated Credentials/Certifications: Trevor Stokes called for approval of the new and updated standards reviewed by the commission. Harry Garewel moved to approve the list, Matt Weber seconded the motion, all members approved unanimously.

Public Comment – Non-agenda Items: Trevor Stokes called for Public Comment. Whitney Lennon brought up the *New Energy and Natural Resource* cluster, used to be under *Agriculture*. This has become its own stand-alone cluster, specifically focused on extraction. Kevin publicly thanked Trevor for volunteering his time to the commission.

Good of the Order: Trevor Stokes thanked everyone and closed the meeting.