Arizona CTE Quality Commission Meeting Notes – November 2, 2026

Attendees: Susan Adams (ADE), Katie Aikins (AZ Farm Bureau), Ashish Amresh (NAU), Judy Balogh (ADE), Jennifer Brooks (AZ CTE Curriculum Consortium), Joann Bueno (AZ-DES), Colette Chapman (ADE), Andrew Cleg (Central Arizona College), Michelle Crary (Gilbert Public Schools), Susan Farretta (ADE), Corey Foster (AZAGC The Construction Association), Robert Garcia (ADE), Harry Garewal (Trin & Associates), Alicia Gutierrez (AZ Farm Bureau), Hannah Higgs (ADE), Scott Holman (Amkor), Kevin Imes (ADE), Jennifer Kaufman (MCCCD), Heather Kohn (Honeywell Aerospace), Debbie Kovesdy (GenTech), Holly Kurtz (Center for the Future of Arizona), Whitney Lennon (AZ Mining Association), Richard Lopez (BMO Bank), Michelle Martinez (ADE), Chelsea McGuire (Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of AZ), Julie Pastrick (Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce), Jezreel Ramirez (Molina Healthcare), Rebecca Robinson (ACOVA), Dawn Rogers (Arizona Masonry Council), Trevor Stokes (The Partnership for Workforce Innovation), Ginnie Strait (Gilbert Public Schools), Rachael Tashbook (OEO), Mike Terrey (ACTEAZ), Danielle Vaughn (CRAS), Bruce Watkins (ADE), Matt Weber (NAVIT), Elena Zee (ACEE), Terri Ziegler (ADE)

Call Meeting to Order – Welcome and Introductions: Kevin Imes expressed appreciation to Colette, who will be retiring at the end of this year. This will be her last Quality Commission meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Colette Chapman presented the prior meeting minutes for approval. Harry Garewal made a motion to approve, and Debbie Kovesdy seconded the motion, all members approved unanimously.

Public Comment – Agenda Items: Ginnie Strait stated that Ag Standards have an item that was added that wasn't originally in the updated standards approved by the Agriscience Standard Validation Committee.

Discussion – Professional Skills Integration: Susan Farretta discussed program specific elements of the 9 professional skills that industry partners seek when hiring. Discussed CTE Professional Skills Project Plan to update the standards for approval by mid-2027.

Discussion and Adoption of CTED 4th Year In-Demand Program List for 2027-2028: Kevin Imes reviewed the list that had been included in packet. Kevin presented the Maricopa region per request of Whitney Lennon. Rachael Tashbook from OEO presented a PowerPoint deck explaining methodology behind the list. Trevor Stokes called for approval to adopt the list. Danielle Vaughn made a motion to approve, Michelle Crary seconded the motion. All approved to adopt the list.

Discussion and Adoption of Program Standards for Agriscience: Bruce Watkins, ADE CTE Program Services Specialist, discussed amendment to add a new standard (3.0) about mining to the updated standards for Agriscience. Matt Weber approved, Corey Foster seconded the motion. The majority voted to approve with one person, Colette Chapman, voting 'Nay' and requesting that concerns regarding the addition of Standard 3 outside the normal process be noted in the record. With the majority in favor, the standard was approved as presented.

Discussion and Action on Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Kevin Imes proposed an amendment stating that if a commissioner misses two consecutive meetings, their membership shall be forfeited. Danielle Vaughn approved, Matt Weber seconded the motion, all approved and the amendment was adopted.

Public Comment – Non-agenda Items: Trevor Stokes called for Public Comment, no comment for non-agenda items.

Good of the Order: Trevor Stokes moved to adjourn, Danielle Vaughn approved, and Matt Weber seconded the motion. Trevor thanked everyone and closed the meeting.