



Colorado Association for Career and Technical Administrators

CACTA Board Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2025

10:00am-2:00pm

FutureForward at Bollman, Adams 12 Five Star Schools

CACTA Mission and Vision:

The **mission** of CACTA is to promote professional leadership and development of members to ensure Career and Technical Education within the education systems of Colorado will meet the continually changing education and training needs of students and business/industry.

The **vision** of the CACTA Board is to energize and communicate the passion and value of Career and Technical Education (CTE) throughout our communities.

Call to Order: Kristi Weaver 10:09 am

Roll Call: Jessica McAllister

CACTA President: <i>Kristi Weaver</i>	P	PROGRAM OF WORK: <i>Nick Williams</i>	P
CACTA President-Elect: <i>Nick Williams</i>	P	ATC LIAISON: <i>Randal Palmer</i>	A
CACTA Secretary: <i>Jessica McAllister</i>	P	CACTE BOARD LIAISON: <i>Debbie Nelson</i>	P
CACTA Treasurer: <i>Nikki Carter</i>	P	CCCS LIAISON: <i>Victoria Crownover</i>	P
CACTA Past President: <i>Duane Roberson</i>	P	COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIAISON: <i>Mason Jenkins</i>	A
AWARDS: <i>Ron Hruby</i>	P	HOTEL LOGISTICS: <i>Mary Krisko</i>	A
BYLAWS: <i>Kate Wagner</i>	P	SECONDARY LIAISON (rural): <i>Alyssa Horlick</i>	P
COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBERSHIP: <i>Janet Renden</i>	P	SECONDARY LIAISON (metro): <i>Shelley Goerd</i>	A
CONFERENCE EXHIBITS: <i>Gill Thompson</i>	P	WEB LIAISON: <i>Chris Duran</i>	P
FINANCE: <i>Nikki Carter</i>	P		
LEGISLATIVE: <i>Duane Roberson</i>	P		

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Motion to Approve: Nikki Carter; Seconded: Ron Hruby; Motion Passed 11:0

Secretary Report – Jessica McAllister - final board meeting with CACTA - has been a pleasure to work along such talented and dedicated team. Will be stepping aside. Lawson Miller to take the reigns as secretary. Jess to make arrangements for CACTE coverage.

Treasurer Report – Nikki Carter - \$45,581.80 in checking; 10,967.37 in savings. All expenses covered from CACTA 2025. \$64,506.55 CACTA conference costs in 2025 \$51,804.16 in 2024.

Reports of Standing Committees:

- **Awards** – Ron Hruby
 - Working through process for CACTE nominations
 - Ron to reach out to DEI Champion to also be considered for post-secondary
 - **CACTE Hall of Fame Nominations:**
 - History and vision for CTE
 - Extraordinary contributions
 - Involvement in every aspect of CTE (CTSO's, advisory, etc.)
 - Lasting legacy
 - Needed
 - Qualifications
 - No less than 20 years in CTE
 - CACTE/CACTA member
 - Outstanding contributions
 - Two letters of support
- **Bylaws** – Kate Wagner
 - Kate is resigning from the board from the CACTA board.
- **Communications & Membership** – Janet Renden
 - Membership is strong - 200 members (as of February 2025) - could be 242?
 - Boulder Valley is seeking a CTE Director
- **Conference Exhibits** – Gill Thompson
 - Emilee Morgan has decided to step aside. Duane to reach out to Melissa Smith as a backup. Jess McAllister to step in if Melissa declines.
 - **Contact Log**
- **Finance** - Nikki Carter
 - CACTE and CACTA are collaborating..
 - CACTE utilized CACTA as a model for how to organize finances.
- **Legislative** – Duane Roberson
 - <https://www.cacte.org/current-most-recent-legislative-session>
 - Legislative Session ends in three weeks
 - 25-1278 - Restructuring SPF
 - Contemplating an addition
 - WBL
 - Concurrent Enrollment (including AP and IB - with passing)
 - Certifications
 - Shifts CDIP
 - Line item for certifications exists

- Moves SAT/ACT out of PWR
 - Grad/dropout rates remain
- Big Blur- no number
 - Reorganizes funding from ASCENT/CDIP/TREP/PTEC/etc.
 - New bucket of \$10,000 to schools without a PWR metric for incentivizing within 3 years - not competitive - will convert to an innovative grant in three years
 - CDIP is converting into separate buckets
 - Concurrent Enrollment (AP, IB tests) - \$2.8 M
 - Certifications - CDIP list -\$6M
 - WBL - \$4.6 M
 - ASCENT will continue for one more year
 - Reduction of PPR to approx. \$7,000.00
 - Will sunset after 2025-2026 school year
 - \$7,000.00 will then be redistributed into CDIP buckets (above).
 - TREP - TBD...seems to be expanded
- [Program of Work](#) – Nick Williams
 - The 2025-2026 CACTA Program of Work (POW) continues to need revision. I revised the POW document to align 100% with CACTE; however, I have learned that CACTA only needs to align with CACTE by including at least one common strategy. As a result, we will continue to keep the same strategies outlined in our current POW to develop and perform within our current and ongoing improvement strategies.
 - Recommendation to change IAED to “CTE for All”
 - Work remains the same, naming convention recommended to change.
 - Need to change in all places
 - The work continues

Liaison Reports:

- **ATC Liaison** – Randal Palmer
 - No report
- **CACTE Board Liaison** – Debbie Nelson
 - STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
 - This is a priority area for 2025 Summit - ACTE rep specifically chosen to speak about partnerships
 - Board approved a complete revamp of the CACTE website, which is in progress - hoping for a late fall launch
 - Working with appropriate CCCS personnel on issues that overlap, like roll-out of Colorado Career Clusters map
 - MEMBER VALUE & ENGAGEMENT
 - 2025 CACTE CAREERTECH SUMMIT, July 20-24, Embassy Suites Loveland
 - CDE E-Train part 2 is offered on M 7/21, 8:30-4 pm - register w CDE
 - Please financially support those involved in Division and CACTE leadership positions by paying their dues and Summit expenses
 - Registration is currently open (\$10 increase) - closes July 8

- Early bird member rate through May 15 - \$485; \$635 w dues, unless CBAM, then \$660
 - Non member rate - \$655; \$805 w dues, unless CBAM, then \$830
 - Lodging rates will range from \$158-188 per night
 - Most folks will want to be in attendance Tuesday 7/22 - Thursday 7/24
 - Annual Secondary CTE Credentialing session will be on Monday, 7/21 from 9-5
 - Credentialing folks must also attend the full conference
 - Started with 100 slots available
- o CACTE EXCELLENCE AWARDS
 - Be thinking about nominees for the 2025 awards cycle - see info and awards guidelines on CACTE website - EDUCATE, Excellence Awards - CACTE Hall of Fame ideas welcome!!!
- o LEGISLATIVE
 - Legislative Committee is monitoring bills and other happenings, providing Tonette/Dylan with feedback; CACTA is well-represented on the committee :-)
 - Planning for Legislative 101 breakout session from Tonette at Summit again this year
- o PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
 - CACTE Professional Development Grants - there is still some \$ in the budget for this school year to help members participate in PD opportunities like the CACTE Summit
 - Providing one-on-one role orientation for several CACTE Board members
 - EC members are attending division and committee meetings to listen, provide information and higher level view
- o MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS
 - Feedback is always welcome on e-newsletters, website, other CACTE activities - we are striving to make the association responsive to members!
- o FUTURE CACTE CAREERTECH SUMMITS
 - 2026 Pueblo Convention Center, July 19-23
 - 2027 Embassy Suites Loveland, July 18-22
 - 2028 Beaver Run Breckenridge, July 16-20
- **CCCS Liaison – Victoria Crownover**
 - o This has been a busy legislative season, especially for K-12 with anticipated bills/changes related to the Accountability system (specifically a new PWR indicator) and PWR funding structures. Depending on the changes, CCCS will work with CDE and districts on how those changes relate to or impact CTE, including data reporting. Federally, at the current time, no expected changes to Perkins for next year and the state is awaiting our award estimate.
 - o May 8 will be a Career Clusters convening in Colorado to discuss what implementation of the new national modernized career clusters could look like and a proposed draft of that is expected at CACTE this summer.
 - o CTE staff are working with the statewide longitudinal data project to partner on ways to include CTE data in that project. CLNA, or the regional needs assessments will be due this year and CCCS is planning a fall roadshow to 5 locations around the state to help facilitate these conversations (tentatively in September). Program approvals are being

processed in preparation for the end of the fiscal year, grants are wrapping up, and training on CTA and Perkins is occurring this month. Student CTSO conferences have been providing amazing opportunities for learners to demonstrate their skills since February continuing until June, and the team is planning professional development activities for the fall. Please share any needs or suggestions related to training or anything else and we look forward to continuing to partner!

- **Community College Liaison – Mason Jenkins**
 - [2025 Chancellor's Summit on Adult Education](#)
 - We're thrilled to invite you to the 2025 Chancellor's Summit, a premier academic gathering dedicated to higher education administrators and professionals who are passionate about serving adult learners (25+).
 - This year's summit provides a unique platform to connect, share insights, and advance critical knowledge on fostering inclusivity, supporting adult students, and promoting equitable access in education.
- **Hotel Logistics Liaison – Mary Krisko**
 - Recognition to Mary and Nikki for their efforts in finding efficiencies and streamlining processes.
- **Secondary Liaison (rural) – Alyssa Horlick**
 - Revisiting scholarships for Rural schools - see Professional learning opportunity
 - Lots of turnover in Miami-Yoder (and rural)
 - Consideration to create an award for rural CTE teachers...
 - Grant for professional development
 - Consideration for Innovations in CTE grant - need a fiscal agent
 - CACTE Professional Development
- **Secondary Liaison (metro) – Shelley Goerd**
 - No update
- **Web Liaison – Chris Duran**
 - No update

Unfinished Business:

- Professional learning opportunity
 - Launch in September/October
 - Two simultaneously (could use virtual)
 - Career Cluster Framework recap (for those who cannot attend in May)
 - Victoria to provide feedback after May convening
 - Showcase idea - go on the road - similar to what Marina Kokotovich did during COVID
 - Highlight in Program Spotlight section of website
 - Could also highlight Innovation Grant projects
 - Discuss the implications of new PWR framework
 - 2026-2027 SPF
 - Discuss program approval
 - Could appoint an executive committee to organize and arrange

- Revisit in summer conference at Division Day
- Website updates
 - Let Chris and Kristi know of any needed changes...

New Business:

- Presentation from Education First (EF) Scholarship Opportunity specific to CTE Administrators (dessert will be provided by EF) - [slides](#)
- Budget Cut Impacts on Membership?
 - Out-of-state is being heavily scrutinized
 - Discretionary budgets are being cut
- CACTA 2025 Conference Debrief
 - Cut off registration sooner
 - Specific dietary requests needed in advance
 - Rethink room layout - theatre set-up
 - Exhibitors in hallway or room?
 - Consider increasing exhibitor space by 5% (to align with attendance increase)
 - Tiered pricing for hallway v. room?
 - Consider adding around the perimeter of the ballroom (high meadows) - couldn't be until 2027.
- Division Day Tours and Social Activity
 - Tour:
 - Roosevelt High School/Weld 5 (appeal to secondary)
 - AIMS - aviation/fire (appeal to post-secondary)
 - Ask about transportation
 - Social Activity:
 - Ted's Sweetwater Grill
 - 2 drink tokens
 - Heavy appetizers
 - Potential to add transportation

Upcoming Important Dates:

- CACTE Summit; July 20-24, 2025; Embassy Suites, Loveland
- CACTA Business Meeting, Wednesday, July 23, 2025 (2025-2026 Board Installation)
- CACTA Board Meeting, Fall 2025 (Date to be determined)
- CACTA Mid -Winter Conference, January 27-30, 2026

Adjournment:

1:58 pm