



STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S CAREER-READY COMMISSION MEETING

*Thursday, October 29, 2009
Burroughs-Wellcome Fund Center, RTP
10:00 am – 3:00 PM*

The following Commission members and staff were present:

June St. Clair Atkinson
Senator Bob Atwater
Jim Barber
Leslie Boney
Newell Clark
Sara Clark
Paul Dordal
John Dornan
Greg Gift
Tom Haffner
Vanessa Harrison
Charles Hayes
David Hollars
Kathleen Kennedy

Ken Ludwig
Caroline McCullen
Joan McGinnis
Mike McLaughlin maybe
Jeff Moss
Scott Ralls (Willa Dickens)
Nancy Raynor
Rebecca Payne
Elaine Rideout
Susanne Sartelle
Bill Seyler
Mark Sorrells
Joe Stewart
Rhonda Welfare
Phyllis West

Others in attendance:

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton
Donald Barringer, Governor's Office
Wiley Doby, Duplin County Schools
Sam Houston, Burroughs-Wellcome
Mike McLaughlin, Lt. Governor's Office
Amanda Obremski, DPI Intern
Susan Parry, Kenan Fellows Program

Horace Robertson, Ent. Education
Todd Silberman, New Schools Project
Barb Tansey, FTCC
Felicia Gray-Watson, DPI
Carol Cutler-White, Wake Tech Com College

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

State Superintendent Atkinson extended a welcome to all present and called the fifth meeting of the Career-Ready Commission to order.

Dr. Atkinson summarized the work of the Commission thus far and then provided an overview of the agenda which included a brief presentation by Lt. Governor Walter Dalton to introduce the JOBS Commission and a presentation by Daryl Nobles to unveil the *Career-Technical Strategic Plan*.

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PRESENTATIONS

JOBS Commission

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton spoke briefly about the new legislative JOBS Commission that is charged with exploring how to more closely link the curricula of early college high schools with business needs in the state’s economic development regions. The JOBS Commission is also focusing on how to enhance Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education in the public schools. The purpose is to help prepare students for 21st century jobs and to raise the level of the workforce.

Career-Technical Strategic Plan

Daryle Nobles, CTE Coordinator, Cumberland County Schools, distributed copies of the *Career-Technical Strategic Plan* to the Commission members, and provided a historical overview of the initiation of this document. Representing several years of discussion and debate by leaders in CTE and in the state’s business community, the Strategic Plan contains a long-range Strategic Plan and a Marketing Plan providing a framework to reinvent and reposition North Carolina’s CTE system within the public school system and with the public at large. The plan includes goals to ensure that CTE in North Carolina is not only relevant in meeting the needs of education outcomes, but also prepares graduates with the required academic and marketable work place skills to compete on a global stage in the 21st century.

CONSENSUS BUILDING – POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Atkinson led the Commission through consensus building stages to determine the final policy recommendations and supporting strategies. Remote voting devices were used in a whole group setting to reach final consensus. DPI staff members Greg Gift and Sara Clark will make the suggested minor revisions recommended by the group. No other input will be required. The final document will be posted online at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/statesuperintendent/office/commissions/> .

NEXT MEETING

An email communiqué will be sent to Commission members announcing a Press Conference to release the Commission’s policy recommendations.