

**MINUTES**  
**State Board of Education**  
**Conference Call Meeting**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**May 4, 2007 2:00 p.m., CDT**

The State Board of Education met via telephone conference at 2:00 p.m., CDT, on May 4, 2007.

<b>Present..... 7</b>	<b>Absent.....4</b>
<b>Mr. Fielding Rolston, Chair</b>	<b>Mr. Flavius Barker</b>
<b>Mr. Jim Ayers</b>	<b>Dr. Melvin Wright</b>
<b>Ms. Carolyn Pearre, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Dr. Richard Rhoda, Ex-Officio</b>
<b>Mr. Richard Ray</b>	<b>Mr. Jacob Kleinrock</b>
<b>Dr. Jean Anne Rogers</b>	
<b>Dr. Valerie Rutledge</b>	
<b>Ms. Sharon Thompson</b>	

**Others Present:**

**SBE Staff**

Dr. Gary Nixon  
Dr. David Sevier  
Mr. Art Fuller

**Department of Education Staff**

Ms. Becky Kent  
Mr. Ralph Barnett  
Chelle Travis

**Chairman Rolston** called the meeting to order. **Dr. Sevier** called roll and informed Chairman Rolston that 6 members were present.

**I. Action Item (Final Reading)**

**A. Career and Technical Education Transition Plan for Perkins Act of 2006**

**Mr. Ralph Barnett** presented the CTE Transition Plan for final reading. He noted that there were no substantive changes from the first reading.

**Vice Chair Pearre** asked about the allocation for Tech-Prep. **Mr. Barnett** noted that \$3,014,000 has been allocated, none specifically for K-12 except for transition programs.

**Mr. Ray** asked about the 5% requirement for professional development and opportunities to deviate from that percentage. **Mr. Barnett** responded that the number was originally 10% and that 5% was a

compromise in order to meet federal guidelines. He further stated that the Department of Education would work with local agencies who want to make exceptions to this percentage provided that they focus appropriate professional development money.

**ACTION:** **Mr. Ray** moved to approve the Career and Technical Education Transition Plan for Perkins Act of 2006. **Dr. Rutledge** seconded.

**Dr. Rogers** asked for clarification regarding professional development money requirements.

**Chairman Rolston** asked that a vote be taken on the presented plan before questions.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Chairman Rolston** then entertained discussion regarding a motion for LEAs to deviate from the 5% requirement for professional development and that the Division of CTE work with LEAs for variance from this 5% requirement if the LEA is providing sufficient professional development opportunities above the 5 days financed by the Basic Education Plan (BEP).

**ACTION:** **Mr. Ray** moved to approve the motion. **Dr. Rogers** seconded. The motion passed by majority vote. Dissenting votes were cast by **Vice Chair Pearre** and **Ms. Thompson**.

**Dr. Nixon** informed the Board that curriculum revisions would be heard at the August meeting.

**Mr. Barnett** thanked the Board for their support.

**Chairman Rolston** thanked members for their availability and thoughtful deliberations. He announced that the Board will meet August 9 and 10, 2007, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_