

# June 2022 Board Update

## Top-3 Takeaways from June 2022

- The [Virtual June Meeting Series](#) was a great success with nearly all attendees who completed evaluations indicating that they learned something new that they will likely or very likely apply in their state!
- Invested time to reimagine some member supports, including the new Federal Policy Office Hours (which kicks off in July); future Perkins regional meetings (Spring 2023); and the restart of regional calls.
- FY23 budgets were approved by the Advance CTE and The Center to Advance CTE Boards of Directors!

### Strategic Priority 1: EQUIP Advance CTE to lead with a focus on quality and equity

<p><b>Key developments this month</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for the Fall Meeting is underway and will have the title <i>“Forward Together: Creating Limitless Opportunity.”</i></li> <li>• Scheduled the virtual learning series through the end of the calendar year and will feature a new “fireside chat” model in select months and a restart of the regional calls in the fall.</li> <li>• Secured a two-year contract for Brave Dialogues training initiative with Texas.. Advance CTE will work with the state of Texas to deliver training to state staff and regional coordinators through a two-year grant.</li> <li>• FY23 budgets were approved by the Advance CTE and The Center to Advance CTE Boards of Directors.</li> <li>• Began interviews for the Director of Operations. Using a recruiter, we received 11 vetted candidates, six of whom are moving forward in the process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priorities next month</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Onboarding new Board members - Brittany Williams (LA), Trey Michael (NC), Elizabeth Bennett (MA) and Dennis Harden (IA)!</li> <li>• Develop Fall Meeting content, sessions, and lock in speakers.</li> <li>• Host our next staff-wide retreat to update our strategic plan-aligned activities for FY23 and participate in equity and facilitation training.</li> <li>• Complete process for selecting the Government Relations Graduate Fellow.</li> <li>• Initiate process for hiring a new communications associate and filing the vacant membership position, with a goal of a late summer / early autumn start.</li> </ul>

### Strategic Priority 2: EMPOWER Advance CTE members to realize CTE Without Limits

<p><b>Key developments this month</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launched</b> cohort 2 of the Opportunity Gap Analysis workshop, which included eight states, on June 23, 2022. A Community of Practice was also launched on July 11 to support the states in Cohort 2 and those that completed Cohort 1. This will assist with implementation and sustainability. The planning for Cohort 3 has started.</li> <li>• Executed the CTE Without Borders Roundtables #3 and #4 with project partners SREB and WICHE. Later this summer, all partners will come together to review the outline drafts and align on a final outline policy</li> </ul>
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	<p>playbook. In the final two roundtables, the participants will review the playbook outline to offer feedback. Additionally, partners will determine any individuals from the first four roundtables to hold one-on-one conversations with to learn more about the policy initiatives related to expanding access to high-quality CTE and work-based learning in their states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Published and released the <i>New Skills ready network</i> <a href="#">snapshots and annual report</a></li> <li>● Published and released the <i>New Skills ready network</i> <a href="#">WBL Toolkit Innovation Tracker</a></li> </ul>
<b>Priorities next month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finalize and release of Advance CTE’s third policy benchmark tool, focused on credit for prior learning.</li> <li>● Release of next 50-state survey, focusing on secondary funding for CTE.</li> </ul>

<b>Strategic Priority 3: ELEVATE High-Quality and Equitable CTE</b>	
<b>Key developments this month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Made progress with the website revamp project; target launch is November 2022. .</li> <li>● Secured a proposed \$45 million increase in the Perkins V basic state grant through the House Committee on Appropriations’s upcoming 2023 federal fiscal year (FY23), which.</li> <li>● Engaged with lawmakers in the chamber to address additional aspects of this bill related to Perkins V. While staff do not expect this legislation to be enacted as currently structured, it will likely serve as an important proposal used for further FY23 funding negotiations likely to take place and be finalized during the lame duck session of Congress following the November midterm elections.</li> </ul>
<b>Priorities next month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Begin content migration for new website</li> <li>● Advocate for Advance CTE funding priorities through the FY23 appropriations process. The House is expected to finalize its FY23 proposal by mid-July and the Senate is expected to follow suit shortly thereafter.</li> <li>● Engage with Senate Committee staff regarding the reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and are also engaged in the wider economic competitiveness legislation currently being debated by both Congressional chambers.</li> </ul>

### Actions for Board members

- Upcoming Board Meetings:
  - October 17, 2022: In Person Joint Board Meeting (times to be confirmed soon)
  - November 14, 2022: Board Equity Training (2 - 5 p.m. ET)

### Upcoming Events/Releases

- August:
  - Credit for Prior Learning Policy Benchmark Tool
  - Postsecondary Data Initiative Briefs 1 and 2
- September:
  - Virtual Learning Series: Fireside Chat with Assistant Secretary Amy Loyd
  - Announcing the second cohort of The Postsecondary State Career Technical Education Leaders Fellowship