

April 2022 Board Update

Top-3 Takeaways from April 2022

- The FY23 Board of Directors election resulted in:
 - Secretary/Treasurer - Thalea Longhurst, UT
 - Region A Representative - Elizabeth Bennett, MA
 - Region C Representative - Colleen McCabe, WI (re-elected)
 - At-Large Representative - Dennis Hardin, IA
 - State Associate Representative - Victoria Crownover, CO (re-elected)
- Our team is preparing our [Virtual June Meeting Series](#), held across three weeks (one day per week) online. As of this writing, all topics have been identified and logistics confirmed and State CTE Directors are encouraged to register themselves and members of their team. We are struggling with registrations, so please help get the word out and register your staff!

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

Key developments this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Spring State Leadership Retreat was held, with approximately 70 members from 30+ states and territories for three days of learning and collaboration, May 11-13, 2022. ● 98 percent of FY22 Advance CTE income has been received, and we have expended only 51 percent of budgeted expenses. ● 94 percent of FY22 The Center to Advance CTE income has been received, and we have expended 52 percent of budgeted expenses.
Priorities next month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successfully execute the Spring State Leadership Retreat ● Prepare for June Meeting Series including meeting registration goals ● We have officially launched our hiring process for a Director of Operations and the Digital Media Communications Associate and hope to have those positions filled by the end of summer. ● Develop a FY23 Budget that aligns with and advances our strategic plan.

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

Key developments this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The preparation for Opportunity Gap Analysis Cohort 2 is underway. The eight cohort states have been selected and announced and will be attending the workshop scheduled for June 23-24, 2022. ● CTE Without Borders Roundtables 1 & 2 were held this month (focused on expanding access to CTE and work-based learning in-state at the secondary and postsecondary levels) and 3 & 4 are currently in the planning phase, to be hosted in May and June (focused on expanding access to CTE and work-based learned across state lines at the secondary and postsecondary levels). ● Advance CTE has started the development of customized training modules for state teams around Brave Dialogues, and is planning to pilot two different approaches of the training with the state of Texas and Colorado. ● Steps are being finalized to submit formal proposals to the group of funders for the stimulus collaborative work, which will launch in summer 2022.
Priorities next month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct follow-up with the equity-focused organizations that were able to

	<p>attend Advance CTE's virtual June Meeting Series workshops to gather feedback and seek ways to partner and collaborate on future cross-cutting efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the two-year budget and each organization's allocation for the stimulus collaborative Submit a series of ideas to the Siemens Foundation to tee up our potential renewal after our current grant ends in September 2022. Advance CTE has a number of major releases in June, which is a key priority in May.
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Strategic Priority 3: ELEVATE High-Quality and Equitable CTE

Key developments this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democrats on the House Education and Labor Committee recently marked up and advanced legislation to reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) out of committee along party lines. Although this proposal reflects a number of Advance CTE's WIOA priorities, including making significant improvements to the law's provisions related to the sharing of one-stop center infrastructure costs, the organization has remaining concerns regarding key pieces of the bill. Thus far, the Senate has not made comparable efforts to advance comparable legislation in the chamber which significantly diminishes the prospects of fully enacted WIOA legislation by the end of the 117th Congress. Advance CTE has begun to advocate for a \$200 million increase for the Perkins V's basic state formula grant program as part of the ongoing federal fiscal year 2023 (FY23) budget and appropriations process. This month, staff finalized this funding request and completed related appropriations requests forms for committees of jurisdiction. The organization has also continued to advocate for the inclusion of provisions in forthcoming innovation and economic competitiveness legislation to expand Pell grants to quality, short-term CTE programs and make improvements to postsecondary data infrastructure. This is currently being negotiated between the House and the Senate.
Priorities next month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance CTE intends to focus efforts in May on FY23 appropriations, particularly as committees of jurisdiction continue to make progress on this funding legislation. Continue to advocate for short-term Pell grant proposals and postsecondary data system modernization as part of ongoing conference negotiations between the House and the Senate.

Actions for Board members

- June 1, 2022 from 2 - 4 pm ET - Joint Board Equity Training
- June 29, 2022 from 3 - 4pm ET; Virtual (Advance CTE) to approve FY23 budget
- June 29, 2022 from 4 - 5pm ET; Virtual (The Center to Advance CTE) to approve FY23 budget

Essential News: Publications and Media Coverage This Month

- [2021 Advance CTE Annual Report](#)

Essential News: Events Next Month

- Meeting: Spring State Leadership Retreat (May 11-13)
- [Webinar](#): Exploring the Research on Innovative CTE Delivery Models (May 19)
- [Webinar](#): Designing CTE Recruitment Practices to Reach Each Learner (May 24)