

# August 2022 Board Update

## Top-3 Takeaways from August 2022

- Hired a Director of Operations who will be starting on October 3
- Exceeded our sponsorship goal for the Fall meeting
- Released our third policy benchmark tool on [credit for prior learning](#)

### 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>● Launched an internal professional development series for Advance CTE and ACTE staff to learn about Perkins V</li> <li>● Completed hiring process for Director of Operations</li> <li>● Received a formal invitation to submit a two-year grant proposal to the Gates Foundation to support Perkins V planning, technical assistance and revised efforts to update the National Career Clusters<sup>(R)</sup> Framework.</li> <li>● Submitted, upon request, two proposals to the Siemens Foundation on supporting in-state recruitment and communications efforts and to pilot a new project focused around youth participatory action research.</li> <li>● Shared three brief proposals to the Lumina Foundation upon request on credit for prior learning, aligned career advising and a research project around cataloging credentials of value. We will follow up in September</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priorities next month</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop an onboarding plan for the Director of Operations</li> <li>● Update Advance CTE’s dashboard and hold internal stocktake in preparation for October Board meeting</li> <li>● Onboard new HR consultant</li> <li>● Finalize agenda and speakers for Fall meeting.</li> <li>● Launch affinity group for state CTE leaders of color and allies.</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>● Released the Credit for Prior Learning policy benchmark tool to serve as a comprehensive resource to empower state, system and institutional leaders to assess current CPL policy and practice to accelerate learners’ completion of pathways that lead to high quality credentials.</li> <li>● Held the fifth and final CTE Without Borders roundtable discussion to review the policy playbook outline and funding section. The feedback session informed the design and content of the policy playbook to be released early 2023.</li> <li>● Launched a new community of practice as an extension of the train-the-trainer workshop for career advising with over a dozen states in attendance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Priorities next month</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kick off the third cohort of states participating in the opportunity gap analysis workshop.</li> <li>● Send the “Save the Date” for our invite-only Postsecondary Data Quality Summit, the culminating event for our ECMC grant.</li> <li>● Close the survey on CTE funding models and begin analysis.</li> <li>● Announce the restart of regional calls with State CTE Directors and peers (<i>delayed from August</i>).</li> </ul>

### Strategic Priority 3: ELEVATE High-Quality and Equitable CTE

<b>Key developments this month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued to advocate for a \$200 million increased investment in the Carl D. Perkins Act's (Perkins V) basic state grant program, although Congress remained on recess for the month of August</li><li>• Began to develop the 2022 Perkins V implementation survey for release and use later this fall.</li></ul>
<b>Priorities next month</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus advocacy efforts on forthcoming stopgap legislation known as a continuing resolution that will extend current FY22 funding levels for programs like Perkins V through a predetermined period of time (likely early December).</li><li>• Finalize the Perkins V implementation survey instrument.</li><li>• Begin interview process for communications associate.</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

- September:
  - Virtual Learning Series: Fireside Chat with Assistant Secretary Amy Loyd
  - Announcing the second cohort of The Postsecondary State Career Technical Education Leaders Fellowship
  - Launch of cohort 3 of opportunity gap workshop
- October:
  - Family Engagement Brief
  - Postsecondary data quality mini-briefs 3 and 4.