



Career and Educational Advisory Council

West Shore EDS CTE

Wednesday, April 22, at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Board Members (7 Makes Quorum)

Present	Michigan Works Staff	Absent
Augustson, Chelsea Bandstra, Jamie Bull, Joshua Dotson, Brian Eppley, Jonathan Robeck, Rebecca Sanchez, Tracy VanAlstine, Siobhan Wells, Wendy Gradwohl	Davis, Toni Miller, Kelly Welch, Kevin	Finch, Jason Gandhi, Nicholas Hamelund, Dave Maloney, Jody Martz, Caleb Marr, Chad Miller, Melissa Sanders, Julie Stakley, Deedee White, Vaughn Wolgamott, Vanessa

1. Call to Order
Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) was called to order at 11:30 a.m., by chair, Jamie Bandstra. A quorum is present.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025 - Emailed Prior
S. VanAlstine, moved to approve Oct. 14, 2025, meeting minutes; J. Bull, supported; motion approved.
3. Introduction
CEAC Chair, Jamie Bandstra introduced himself and welcomed the CEAC Members to West Shore, ESD CTE. Bandstra introduced two (2) staff members – Shelby Hughs – Work Based Learning Instructor and Jocie Teske - Summit Tech Center Counselor; who are greatly involved with the students through Learning Work Base and Workforce Support, both spoke about their role within West Shore. (Both left the meeting after the introductions.)

4. Region 7 Perkins V Grant Discussion

- a. Review 2026 Perkins V Application – Application process was shared; approval of application will be conducted at the June meeting.
- b. Perkins vs. Overview / Core Performance Indicators:
 1. Core performance indicators (PIs) state has expectations, and the cores are our purpose. The cores, such as: reading, math and science results support the indicators.
 2. 40 percent of students are proficient in reading and math

5. Other CTE Regional Discussion Topics

- a. Follow-up Survey Results
 1. Perkins V CPI Discussion Guide CEAC 2026
 - a. CEPD student placement data – copies of data were handed out to each CEAC member, as discussion moved forward, a decision was made to give members time to review documents, and discussion will continue at the June meeting.

6. CTE Program Updates

- a. Mecosta-Osceola ISD: Joshua Bull – The Mecosta-Osceola Career Center has increased student enrollment for the upcoming 2026-27 school year. Currently they have 568 students registered for courses next year at the CTE Center. This current school year they have 530 students who have been enrolled at the center.

On April 19, MOCC students from six of their programs: Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Educator Academy, Fire, Graphics & Printing Technology and Manufacturing Technology compete at the SkillsUSA state competition in Grand Rapids. Students from Cosmetology, Graphics & Printing and Manufacturing all placed in the top three in their respective competitions earning metals. Cosmetology student Liyah Wiersma (13th year formerly Morley-Stanwood) placed first and three students from the Graphics & Printing Technology program took first. Those students' names are Grace Barret (CCA), Alana Senopole (EHS) and Lindsey Raffel (CCA). All four students that finished with first place finishes will be moving onto the SkillsUSA national competition next month in Atlanta, Georgia.

- b. Newaygo County RESA: No report given

- c. West Shore ESD: B. Dotson shared exciting news regarding the upcoming science building, the progress of and approval. April 22, was West Shores

7. Michigan Works! West Central updates

Kevin Welch - Business Engagement

Highlighted several upcoming Hiring Parties scheduled for June, emphasizing their role in connecting local employers with qualified job seekers and strengthening regional workforce pipelines.

Explained the ongoing employability skills training efforts in Lake County, focusing on how these programs are equipping individuals with foundational workplace skills, such as communication, reliability and professionalism.

Together, these initiatives reflect a coordinated approach to both immediate hiring needs and long-term workforce development, ensuring businesses have access to prepared talent while residents gain the tools needed for sustainable employment.

Toni Davis - What is trending with Funding

a. We were recently awarded Young Professionals and Young Professionals Plus funding. This means we can serve youth interested in Work Experiences. Currently we have youth in Lake and Osceola counties interested in work experience through Youth Works - they will be working in our area park systems throughout the summer.

b. There is still funding for CDL if you have people interested in training who will be graduating. They do need to be 18 and have graduated from high school.

c. Upcoming Hiring Parties - If you should need flyers do not hesitate to reach out.

Big Rapids - June 8

Newaygo - June 10

Ludington - June 16

Hart - June 18

Baldwin - June 23

Reed City - June 25

Jonathan Eppley – MiCareerQuest West Central update

a. MiCareerQuest was a successful event – with 1,212 students and 73 employers and training providers attending. We lost a few schools - when scheduling for event, with Ferris and the school systems, we were unaware of the schools' MSTEP testing schedules. J. Bull suggested to reach out to him early in the school year, he will have all those dates.

8. Other Business

Tracy Sanchez – Fremont, Adult Education Program

a. Adult ED had 43 earn their GED's for this 2026 season.

Brian Dotson – West Shore, MISTEM

a. MISTEM is currently in the statewide budget – January through September 30.

9. Bright Spots Sharing

a. Brian Dotson shared that 3 MISTEM teams from the area are on their way to World Tournaments.

10. Next Meeting

June 17, 2026, Mecosta-Osceola Career Center, Big Rapids

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.