



**CTE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 21, 2024**

Committee Attendees present:

Larry Case, Chairman	Laurie Gallup, SCPS
Sue Venable-Shelton, CTE Supervisor, SCPS	Ellen Saunders, Massaponax High School, Marketing
Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors	Giles Scott, Bay Consortium Workforce Development Board
Emily Hall, SCPS	Gretchen Rusden, Chamber of Commerce
Ashley Slemp, SCPS	Melissa Lindsay, Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office
Reitha Abed, Principal, SCTC	Bob Dixon, Germanna Community College
Heather Correia, SCPS OSSS	Skyla Flock, Fredericksburg Nationals
Rex Bishop, College of Southern Maryland	Shane Venable, Vokert, Inc
Edie Brooks, Post Oak Middle School, Business	Kristi Rice, Spotsylvania High School, Business
Trevor Clarke, Courtland High School, Tech Ed	Franco Abud, Courtland High School FFA
Macy Williams, 1st Choice Better Homes & Land, LLC	Erin Hannah, Chancellor High School, Agriculture
Faith Wheeler, Ni River Middle School, FACS	Eleanor Hudson, SCTC Counselor

Sue Venable-Shelton called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Venable-Shelton advised attendees that copies of the evening's agenda and September 19, 2024 CTE Advisory Committee meeting minutes were available for their review on each table. The minutes of the September 19 meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

**Celebrations**

CTE Liaison, Trevor Clarke, shared a variety of CTE recognitions including Franco Abud, Courtland High School FFA student placement at the National FFA Competition. Abud spoke about his involvement in the CTSO.

**Budget Update**

Ms. Venable-Shelton shared updates regarding the budget process for the 2025-2026 school year. Most notable is the new CTE Coordinator position which is currently advertised.

**Call to Action**

Ms. Venable Shelton shared an opportunity to begin CTE Advocacy with a virtual meeting scheduled for January 9. Mr. Case shared a draft recommendation for Advocacy. Shane Venable moved to accept the recommendation with additions of testimonials and data. Gretchen Rusden seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

**Workplace Readiness Skills Activity**

Emily Hall led the group in an activity to discover which competencies are believed to be most important, as well as which ones students today are most lacking.

**AWS Data Centers**

Bob Dixon gave an update about the collaboration between AWS and Germanna Community College to bring opportunities to Spotsylvania County.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.