

**Board of Education Standards/Board of Technical Education/Board of Regents  
JOINT MEETING  
800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD (MacKay Building, First Floor, Library Commons)  
July 18, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. CT**

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**Members Present:**

**BOES**

Becky Guffin, President  
Terry Nebelsick, Vice President  
Phyllis Heineman  
Rich Meyers  
Linda Olsen  
Julie Westra (ZOOM)  
Steve Willard

**BOTE**

Joy Nelson  
Terry Sabers  
Brian Sandvig  
Kay Schallenkamp

**BOR**

Pam Roberts, President  
Jim Thares, Vice President  
John Bastian  
Brock Brown  
Jeff Partridge (ZOOM)  
Tony Venhuizen  
Joan Wink

**Members Absent**

**BOTE**

Dana Dykhouse, President  
Doug Ekeren  
Brad Greenway  
Scott Peterson  
Diana VanderWoude

**BOR**

Timothy Rave

**DOE Staff Present:** Tiffany Sanderson, Laura Scheibe, Shannon Malone, and Ferne Haddock.

**Others in attendance:** Nick Wendell, Scott DesLauriers, Mike Cartney, Mark Wilson, Ann Bolman, Katie Maley, Janice Minder, Molly Weisgram, Neal Schnoor, James Rankin, Laurie Nichols, Barry Dunn, and other members of the public in attendance in person and via ZOOM.

**Call to Order**

The South Dakota Board of Education Standards (BOES), Board of Technical Education (BOTE), and Board of Regents (BOR) joint meeting was called to order by Becky Guffin, BOES, at approximately 1:30 p.m. CT.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Board of Education Standards (BOES), Board of Technical Education (BOTE), and Board of Regents, (BOR), members present introduced themselves.

Nick Wendell, Executive Director, Board of Technical Education (BOTE) introduced the BOTE members that were unable to attend.

Brian Maher, Executive Director, Board of Regents (BOR) introduced, Neal Schnoor, President, Northern State University (NSU), James Rankin, President, South Dakota School of Mines &

42 Technology (SD SM&T), Laurie Nichols, President, Black Hills State University (BHSU), and Barry  
43 Dunn, President, South Dakota State University (SDSU).

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45 Wendell, BOTE, introduced Mike Cartney, President of Lake Area Technical College and  
46 Benjamin Valdez, Vice President of Southeast Technical College.

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48 **Public Comment (SDCL 1-25-1)**

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50 There was no public comment.

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52 Wendell, BOTE, began the meeting with a brief presentation on aligning post-secondary  
53 attainment with workforce needs in the state.

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55 **Board Discussion**

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57 Janice Minder, System Vice President for Academic Policy and Planning, Molly Weisgram,  
58 System Academic Program Manager, BOR, and Laura Scheibe, Director, Division of College,  
59 Career and Student Success, DOE, gave a presentation on:

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- 61 • Early Preparation for Post-secondary Education and some initiatives.
  - 62 ○ The Dakota Dreams Online Tutoring Program. The grant allows for two years of  
63 online tutoring in South Dakota.
  - 64 ○ Dakota Dreams Career Exploration Summer Camps. The grant allows for three-  
65 summers of camps.
- 66 • Transitions from high school to post-secondary education
  - 67 ○ Our Dakota Dreams promotes post-secondary education in South Dakota, which  
68 was initiated with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) project.  
69 Includes the development of the Our Dakota Dreams website.
  - 70 ○ FAFSA completion push, brought back the FAFSA Completion Portal which is a  
71 tool for high school counselors to track their student's completion or non-  
72 completion of the FAFSA application.

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74 Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning and Instruction, DOE, spoke on the Proactive  
75 Admissions Initiative. The proactive admissions initiative offers students who meet certain  
76 criteria guaranteed general acceptance to any of the state's six public universities and four  
77 technical colleges.

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- 79 ○ Free application period expanded to October 3, 2022, to November 30, 2022, for  
the six public universities and one technical college at this time.

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81 Scheibe, DOE, also reported that SDMyLife is proving to be a successful tool for academic and  
82 career planning. It is useful for students and schools.

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84 President Guffin declared a recess at approximately 2:38 p.m. CT.

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86 President Guffin called the meeting back to order at approximately 2:50 p.m. CT.

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88 Scott DesLauriers, Deputy Director, BOTE, and Janice Minder, BOR, gave a presentation on:

- 89 • Transitions from 2-year to 4-year degree programs-College Preparation Campaign is a  
90 collaboration between BOR and BOTE.
  - 91 ○ Seamless Transfer Initiative between regental universities and technical colleges.
  - 92 ○ Nursing Framework Initiative

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94 **Time for open discussion amongst Boards**

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96 **Closing statements**

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98 Maher, BOR, stated that collaboration does exist with DOE, BOR and BOTE. Cooperation  
99 between the three entities is very good. Great strides have been made for South Dakota. Maher  
100 felt that there is a common goal and a common mission to promote education in South Dakota.

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102 Wendell, BOTE, said the today's information sharing is a tangible example of positive outcomes  
103 including the value of technical education in South Dakota. Too long it has been an either-or  
104 option of technical education verses university education. Now it seems to be shifting to an **and**  
105 proposition of a technical college and you can go to a university, or vice versa. Knocking down  
106 barriers of access, affordability, geography and all the things that might be between a high-  
107 school graduate and a college graduate.

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109 Sanderson, DOE, felt that there was a lot to celebrate today. Thinking that ten years from now  
110 there will be an impact from today's discussions and ideas. She encouraged those around the  
111 table to continue to communicate and talk about what the states need are and how we help  
112 support for young people and non-traditional learners on their path to education.

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114 **Adjournment:**

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116 President Guffin adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:20 p.m. CT.

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120 Ferne G. Haddock

Date:

121 Executive Secretary BOES