



TDCTE Business Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2026
Spring CTE Director's Meeting

Deidre Pendley, TDCTE President, called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: The winter meeting minutes are available through the TDCTE website @ <https://tdcte.com>. Motion to accept the minutes by Amy Roberts, seconded by Michael Paul Miller. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report is available on the TDCTE website at <https://tdcte.com>. The report will be filed as written. Motion to accept the minutes by Jesse Kinsey, seconded by Craig Harris. Motion passed.

New Business:

Deidre Pendley provided information and instructions for participation in the ETSU Career Quest on April 23, 2026.

Ryan Goodman and Melanie Tuck presented details for the TNACTE Summer Conference (Institute) and CTE Director Meeting. July 13-15 at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds in Wilson County. There will be food trucks, coffee, and drink stations. More information will be provided next month. Registration is live. There was a call for presentations and a request for a Trade and Industry Lead.

Kim Yeiter and Leslie Eldridge announced the TNACTE Awards that will be presented at the TNACTE Annual Summer Conference

- TNACTE Teacher of the Year--Dr. Elizabeth Staples Germantown High School Shelby Memphis Schools
- TNACTE New Teacher of the Year--Tracie Weeks, Southwest Career Technical Center Shelby Memphis Schools
- TNACTE Educator of the Year--Shannon Kirkpatrick, Marion County Schools
- TNACTE Counseling and Career Development Professional Award--Lacy Cole, Coffee County Schools
- TNACTE Postsecondary Professional of the Year--Melody Edmonds TCAT McMinnville

Ryan Goodman provided the legislative updates. Ryan told the group that the Digital Curriculum funding was removed from the Ways and Means Committee's agenda. Brandon Williams and Ryan Goodman talked about plans to advocate for the addition during the next legislative cycle.

Clark Knight presented the Pollution Report.

Motion to adjourn from Brandon Williams and seconded by Sheila Morgan Osbourne. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Arlette Robinson, TDCTE Secretary

2025-2026 Officers: Deidre Pendley, President; Kim Yeiter, West TN Vice President; Holly Cross, East TN Vice President; Leslie Eldridge, Middle TN Vice President; Tyra Pilgrim, Past President; Arlette Robinson, Secretary; Richard Skipper, Treasurer; Ryan Goodman, Legislative Liaison; Brandon Williams, Media Specialist; Clark Knight, TN ACTE Representative