



Bellflower Unified School District CTE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date & Time:	Wednesday, October 15, 2025		
Location:	BUSD Board Room		
Present:	<p>Erica Alfaro Rikki Bains Amanda Deshazier Nathan Drown Gavin Knighton Joe Mulleary Jennifer Rodriguez Alex Tran</p>	<p>Norma Amezcua Gil Castañeda Jr Michael Diaz Dionne Gibson Jasmine Lane Matt Pixa Chris Scofield Arlene Whitney</p>	<p>Dr. Babak Aminitehrani Ashley Davies Victoria Diaz Kristin Jones-Manning Amanda McAndrew Sylvia Reyna Aileen Tolentino</p> <p><i>Student Speakers: Arely Cervantes (SHS), Roman Diaz (MHS), Xavier Jackson & Kevin Recinos (BHS)</i></p>
Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Gil Castañeda Jr.		
Agenda items	<p>I. WELCOME Gil Castañeda Jr, Director of Secondary Education welcomed the CTE Advisor meeting attendees and acknowledged guests who are attending the meeting for the first time</p> <p>II. INTRODUCTIONS & INDUSTRY/MEMBER UPDATES The advisory meeting commenced with attendees introducing themselves.</p> <p>III. COMMITTEE FUNCTION OVERVIEW The function of the committee was discussed, emphasizing the importance of the CTE Advisory in supporting and shaping the career pathways offered by the district. Teachers were encouraged to invite individuals from their professional contacts or networks to provide valuable feedback on the current CTE pathways available to students.</p> <p>IV. ACCEPTANCE OF CTE ADVISORY MEMBERSHIP Attendees were invited to join the CTE Advisory Committee by completing the Membership acceptance form, either through Google forms or by filling out a paper form.</p> <p>V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2025 Belinda Davila, counselor at Somerset High School made a motion to approve the minutes. Arlene Whitney, Executive Director of CalAPS, seconded the motion.</p>		

VI. CTE GRANT/FUNDING UPDATE

General funding for the Career and Technical Education programs offered at the district has been supplemented by the following funding sources:

A. CTEIG

CTEIG allocated funding for the 2024-2025 FY is \$530,346 which can be spent through December 2026. The preliminary allocation for 2025-2026 FY is \$569,237, pending state board approval in November.

B. PERKINS

Perkins fund has seen a downward trend in allocated funding over the last three years. For the 2025-26 school. Perkins' allocated fund is \$119,901. This allocation would need to be spent by June 30, 2026.

C. K12 STRONG WORKFORCE PROGRAM (SWP)

A grant application in the amount of \$650,000 for K12 SWP was recently submitted which is aimed to: increase CTE access to middle schoolers while being aligned with the regional plans for the Gateway area, improve CTE completer rates, increase Community College pathways and incorporate Certifications & Work-based learnings

VII. CTE PATHWAYS

BUSD Students have access to a wide range of career pathways across 14 industry sectors. Currently, 44% of BUSD high school students are enrolled in at least one CTE class. Students can also participate in after school classes through the CalAPS program.

VIII. SKILLSUSA UPDATE

BUSD had 75 students compete in the regionals, 38 of which made it to the State Leadership Conference held last April 10-13 at Ontario, CA.

Six students from Mayfair High School qualified to compete at the National level which took place in Atlanta, GA last June 23-27.

Roman Diaz, MHS SkillsUSA Chapter president shared his personal experience competing at the SkillsUSA Nationals in Georgia. He spoke about the importance of participating in SkillsUSA as a way to build a professional network and tap into the resources and community that SkillsUSA offers to enhance the students' education and prepare for success beyond high school.

IX. CTE SITE REPORTS

BHS student Xavier Jackson presented the various classes available to students at Bellflower High School. He presented the various classes available to students at Bellflower High School, highlighting different activities such as creating scary videos in Film & TV, making door stoppers in Woodshop and learning how to operate a plane in Aviation.

Kevin Rescinos, another BHS student, focused on the Mental Health Pathway offered at BHS, mentioning the Peer Counseling class and how they learned how to create safe spaces for middle schoolers. He also spoke about the Counseling/Mental Health Dual Immersion Program at Cerritos College. Kevin shared that he applied for an internship at Didi Hirsch and was accepted.

Roman Diaz talked about the wide variety of CTE classes currently being offered at MHS. He also mentioned the various CTE-focused student organizations available on campus, including the Robotics Club and the Cybersecurity Club.

Arely Cervantes, Somerset student, spoke about the CTE classes available at Somerset High School mentioning that the Woodshop class will create a maze for Halloween. She is currently enrolled in the Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD) class and shared that she will be participating in this year's SkillsUSA Regional contest.

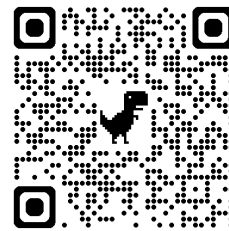
X. SAVE THE DATE: JOB TANK ON APRIL 30, 2026

An invitation to the Advisory Committee attendees was extended to save the date for Bellflower High School's Job Tank event. This event will provide an opportunity to engage with students, share industry insights, and support workforce development through meaningful connections and feedback.

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CTE Membership Form



CTE Course Videos

Adjournment

- **MEETING END TIME: 6:40 PM**

Next meeting date

- **MARCH 11, 2026**