

ACTE Counseling & Career Development (CCD) Division

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: Meeting called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. CT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Recorded: Yes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Brooke Kusch, M.Ed., Vice President, Counseling & Career Development Division**, who welcomed attendees and thanked them for participating.

Introductions & Housekeeping

ACTE staff and guests in attendance included:

- **Dana Lampe**, ACTE
- **Steve DeWitt**, ACTE
- **Alicia Hyslop**, Chief Policy, Research and Content Officer, ACTE
- **Amanda Fitzgerald**, American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

Housekeeping reminders were provided, including muting when not speaking, use of the chat feature, stating full name when speaking, and notification that the meeting was being recorded for later posting.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by **general consent** with no objections.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the previous year's CCD Business Meeting were approved by **general consent**, with no corrections or additions noted.

ACTE Update

A recorded update from **LeAnn Curry, ACTE Executive Director**, was shared. Highlights included:

- Appreciation for ACTE members and volunteers
 - ACTE nearing its **100-year anniversary**
 - Overview of ACTE strategic pillars
 - New and updated resources, including **CTE101**, **Perkins 101**, and updated infographics
 - Professional development opportunities, leadership programs, and upcoming conferences
 - Preview of **CareerTech Vision 2026** and the Centennial Celebration in New Orleans
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Legislative Update

Alicia Hyslop provided a legislative update, including:

- Status of federal government shutdown and reopening efforts
- FY26 appropriations outlook, including differences between House and Senate funding proposals
- Advocacy priorities for education and workforce funding, including **Perkins**
- Updates on the transition of CTE funding administration from the Department of Education to the Department of Labor
- Request for members to report any issues accessing Perkins funds

No questions were raised following the update.

ACTE Elections

Information was shared regarding:

- ACTE Board of Directors election timeline
 - Voting opens **December 10** and closes **January 9**
 - Voting conducted electronically
 - Members must have been active by **November 10**
- Test emails and ballot communications will be sent in advance
- Encouragement for members to verify email addresses in the ACTE portal
- Overview of a **state voter participation challenge**

Candidate videos were shown for:

- **ACTE President-elect**: Michael Colwell and Annika Russell
- **CCD Vice President-elect**: Jennifer Breman

President's Report

Highlights included:

- CCD membership increased to **1,691 members**, up approximately 200 from the prior year
- Division budget remains strong
- Overview of CCD strategic plan activities, including:
 - Vision networking session
 - Professional development recess sessions
 - Member stipends for conference attendance
- Upcoming **Compassion Fatigue Recess** scheduled for **February 26 at 2:00 p.m. CT**, hosted by **Shelly Tom**

Bylaws Report

Jennifer Breman reported:

- Proposed bylaw updates published in *Techniques* magazine
- Updates focus primarily on clarification and procedural alignment
- Items will be presented to the Assembly of Delegates at Vision
- Members may submit suggestions for future bylaw changes through January 15

ASCA Update

Amanda Fitzgerald (ASCA) shared:

- ASCA's partnership with ACTE and advocacy efforts
- Two current surveys:
 - Career Advising Landscape Survey
 - State of the Profession Survey
- Upcoming release of reports in conjunction with the School Counselor of the Year event
- Resources available through ASCA, including position statements and career readiness materials
- Efforts to combat misinformation and protect the profession

Fellowship Recognition

- **Jennifer Breman** was recognized as the CCD New Professional Fellow
 - **Leslie Cooksey (Region 4)** was announced as the CCD Experienced Fellow for the upcoming year
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New Business

No new business was brought forward.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately **1:45 p.m. CT**.