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## Career and Technical Advisory Council Appointment

Coordinating Board for Higher Education

March 3, 2021

### BACKGROUND

Section 178.550, RSMo, establishes the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The council's membership includes 16 members: The Director of Economic Development, members appointed by the Commissioner of Education, and members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate President Pro Tem. In addition, the council has ex officio members, including a member of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education selected by the CBHE.

The statute directs the council to:

1. Develop a comprehensive statewide short- and long-range strategic plan for career and technical education;
2. Identify service gaps and provide advice on methods to close such gaps as they relate to youth and adult employees, workforce development, and employers on training needs;
3. Confer with public and private entities for the purpose of promoting and improving career and technical education;
4. Identify legislative recommendations to improve career and technical education; [and]
5. Promote coordination of existing career and technical education programs[.]

### CURRENT STATUS

Dr. Mardy Leathers serves on the CTE Advisory Council in his capacity as director of workforce development. Dr. Leathers will serve as the board's liaison to the council and will provide regular reports to board members on the council's priorities and progress. The board will not appoint one of its own members to serve on the council at this time.

### RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

### NO ATTACHMENTS