**Correctional Education Council (CEC) Meeting Minutes**

**December 20, 2022**

**Google Meet & Conference Call**

**Council Members**

Secretary Robert Green, Jack Cunning, Mary Ann Thompson, Secretary James Fielder, Jennifer Gauthier, Assistant Secretary Jim Rzepkowski, Michael DiGiacomo, Jack Weber

**Staff and Guests**

Leza Griffith, Ellie Marts

**Absent**

Dr. Erica DuBose, Secretary Tiffany Robinson, Louis Dubin, Michael Martirano, Yariela Kerr Donovan, Mohammed Choudhury, Susan Kaliush, Antoine Payne, Mike Gill, Sheri Smith, Michele Speakman

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At 11:02 a.m. a quorum was reached and Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor) Assistant Secretary Jim Rzepkowski called the meeting to order.

**Welcome**

Given that Secretary Robinson was on pre-scheduled leave at the time of the meeting and Deputy Secretary Dave McGlone has recently retired, a memo was released by the Secretary authorizing Assistant Secretary Rzeopkowski to co-chair the Correctional Education Council (CEC) meeting in her absence. Assistant Secretary Rzepkowski welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate. He announced that the purpose of this special meeting is to vote on the Annual CEC Report.

**Approval of Annual Report**

Assistant Secretary Rzepkowski prompted a vote on the CEC Annual Report. Jack Weber motioned to approve the report as presented and it was seconded by Secretary Robert Green. The Annual CEC Report was voted on by the council and adopted at 11:03 a.m. with no opposition.

**Closing Remarks**

Assistant Secretary Rzepkowski invited Secretary Green to make any remarks.

Secretary Green announced that January 6, 2023 will officially be his last day of service with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) as he has accepted a position at the American Correctional Association (ACA).

Secretary Green and Rzepkowski wished everyone a happy holidays.

Secretary Robert Green motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Secretary Fielder at 11:09 a.m.