

Minutes of the PC4A Partner Meeting
Held Virtually on May 18, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Members Present: Hauwa Abbas, Jamie Bretz, Michael Caglia, Waleed Farag, Kelli Gardner, Sherri Mack, Greg Paonessa, Christie Sever, Lydia Taylor

Meeting Information

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2026 meeting was made by Greg Paonessa and seconded by Sherri Mack. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Project leadership discussed the upcoming annual data call submission and emphasized the importance of timely partner reporting. Partners were reminded to submit requested non-student participation estimates by May 21 to support reporting deadlines.
3. Discussion occurred regarding the transfer scholarship opportunity for partner students. Project leadership noted limited application activity and encouraged partners to continue promoting the scholarship opportunity to eligible students.
4. An update was provided regarding analysis of the annual student survey. Project leadership indicated survey results are currently being analyzed and will be shared during a future meeting.
5. Partners discussed the possibility of offering a summer 2026 Capture the Flag competition. Preliminary feedback suggested student interest may exist, although participation during the summer months may be limited. Partners indicated July or August may be the most appropriate timeframe.
6. Discussion occurred regarding future meeting scheduling. Partners agreed to schedule the next meeting for June 22, 2026 at the same meeting time.
7. Partners provided the following updates:
 - a. **BC3:** Updates regarding Security+ preparation activities were provided, including the launch of a five-week bootcamp with three participants. Additional updates included articulation efforts with Pitt and exploratory discussions related to additional transfer pathways and dual enrollment opportunities.
 - b. **WCCC:** Provided updates regarding Pearson VUE testing center expansion efforts, summer planning activities, and continued efforts to encourage voucher usage among students receiving certification support.
 - c. **PHCC:** Provided updates regarding internship activities, certification preparation efforts, curriculum revisions, and expansion of cybersecurity and computer science offerings. Updates included multiple course revisions, creation of new courses, expansion of machine learning content, capstone development, and creation of an applied computer science track. PHCC also reported continued planning for summer internships, alumni certification workshops, youth outreach activities, and participation in upcoming community events and cybersecurity programming.

- d. **MCCC:** Reported completion of A+ and Security+ preparation courses with strong participation numbers. Additional updates included successful completion of a Capture the Flag event, planning activities related to the NICE conference, internship development efforts, and increased industry engagement activities.
- 8. Partners were reminded to continue sharing flyers, announcements, internship opportunities, and event information so project leadership can amplify outreach through project communication channels.
- 9. Project leadership introduced Hauwa Abbas, who will be assisting with project activities and support efforts moving forward.
- 10. The next PC4A meeting was scheduled for June 22, 2026. Partners were reminded about upcoming financial reporting deadlines. With no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Taylor and Dr. Waleed Farag.