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Throughout an extensive professional journey spanning over 39 years, Patrick Rome has dedicated his career to consulting and leadership roles. This broad experience includes executive management, strategic planning, financial analysis, accreditation, executive mentoring, fund development, grant writing, community partnership development, government relations, institutional governance, and registered apprenticeship. Patrick has provided guidance to numerous institutions, businesses, organizations, and individuals across the education, nonprofit, and business sectors. A key focus of his career has been mentoring those facing disadvantages and advancing workforce development through community-driven initiatives. His educational background includes degrees in higher education leadership, finance, management, and accounting. With significant experience as an entrepreneur, business executive, and investor partner, he brings expertise in expanding revenues, services, capacity, and positive outcomes. In 2008, seeking new challenges, Patrick made a career shift to an education consultant, specializing in post-secondary education leadership, with an emphasis on career and technical education. From 2017 to 2021, he proudly served as a commissioner for the Council on Occupational Education, a U.S. Department of Education–accredited agency dedicated to advancing career and technical education.