



OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

April 13, 2016

Dear Apprenticeship Council Members and Colleagues:

Enclosed are the minutes from the February 18, 2016 Council meeting for your review.

The next scheduled meeting of the State of Apprenticeship Council will take place on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Labor Department in Conference Rooms A & B located on the second floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd D. Berch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Todd Berch

Apprenticeship Program Manager

**MINUTES OF THE
CONNECTICUT STATE APPRENTICESHIP
COUNCIL MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2016**

**Connecticut Department of Labor
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Conference Rooms A & B**



**State of Connecticut
Department of Labor**

ANNOUNCEMENT

All meetings of the Connecticut Apprenticeship Council are held periodically throughout the year. They are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. at the Connecticut Department of Labor (see schedule below) unless otherwise noted.

All Connecticut Apprenticeship Council meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend, invite others and participate.

Please call these meetings to the attention of your Apprentice Committees and urge them to bring this notice to the attention of their parent organizations.

2016 SAC MEETING SCHEDULE

February 18, 2016

May 19, 2016

September 15, 2016

November 17, 2016

These minutes are subject to correction at the next meeting of the Council.

Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016
At the Connecticut Department of Labor
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT
Conference Rooms A & B at 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Commissioner Jackson introduced himself and made welcoming remarks.
The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

Members in Attendance

Chair, Commissioner Scott D. Jackson, Frank Dacato, Gregory Raucci, Laurence Vaillieres, Robert Berkmoes, Martin Alvarenga

Members Not in Attendance

Dr. Nivea L. Torres, Jeffrey Merrow, Christopher J. Brown, Richard A. DuPont, Melvin E. Olsson

Others Present

Deputy Commissioner Kurt Westby, Gary Pechie, Pat Ciarleglio, Paul Costello, John Daddona, Gail Kinney, John Able, Cindy Cook, Joe Caparco, Mark Mastropasqua, Paul Femia, Larry Satchell, Maricel Pathammavong, Michael Komaromi (According to the sign in sheet)

Recorder

P. DePhillips

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- There was a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded and approved.

III. Correspondence

- None.

IV. Apprenticeship Update: Mark A. Stankiewicz, Program and Services Coordinator
Grants: Program Coordinator Mark Stankiewicz spoke about the details of administering the American apprenticeship Initiative (AAI) and Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF) grants.

- American Apprenticeship Initiative (AAI) Program highlights- expand apprenticeships in non-traditional occupations.

- Such as manufacturing, healthcare, business services and information Technology. The tuition costs are \$3,500 per apprentice with no apprentice limit per sponsor. The program is funded until September 30, 2020.
- The Manufacturing Innovation Fund- (MIF) – Supports manufacturing in efforts to train registered apprenticeship workers in appropriate skills. The grant includes a wage subsidy, related instruction reimbursement. There is a maximum of 5 apprentices per sponsor. The funding for this program ends on June 30, 2017.

Item V. (Apprentice Related Instruction) - Pat Ciarleglio of SDE CTHSS Assess division went over data.

- There are currently 2,200 students enrolled in the spring semester. This number accounts for 42 % of apprenticeship. Most apprentices attend the night school program. Another 27 % come from the High School (9- 12 grade) program. There has been an increase in all Apprenticeship trades.
- There has been a 5% increase in Electrical apprentices from last year. There are currently 1,945 electrical apprentices. The majority of apprentices are registered in this trade.
- Plumbing and pipefitting – 5% increase.
- There has been a 30% increase in manufacturing from last year. There are currently 186 apprentices in manufacturing.
- Heating and cooling apprentices including sheet metal- Increase of 17 %.
- Carpentry is up 13%.
- The total count of apprentices is currently 5,800 apprentices with 500 additional apprentices registering this year.

The Commissioner asked Pat Ciarleglio if there were any specific reasons for the increases. Pat attributed some of the increases in the trades to the growth in the economy, an increase in new commercial construction projects and the MIF grant with CTDOL.

VI. Old Business

- No old business was brought before the council.

VII. New Business

The date of the Apprenticeship breakfast and ESAC (Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship Conference) will be held from May 2 - May 6 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Apprenticeship staff will participate in the event by conducting informational sessions on the MIF and AAI grants.

- Commissioner Jackson introduced and welcomed Deputy Commissioner Kurt Westby to the Agency.

VIII. Public Comments

- Gail Kinney of the United Labor Agency asked for more information on the AAI grant and what the public should expect to see in the coming months.
- Program Manager Mark Stankiewicz replied that Apprenticeship programs are being expanded to non-traditional arenas such as health care. Staff has been working with Danbury Hospital to develop an apprentice program in health care. Naugatuck Valley Community College will serve as the training provider. We are offering \$ 3,500 per apprentice for tuition fees. Apprentices will progress in a series, for example- Continuing Care 1, Continuing Care 2, etc.
- A pilot program is also being developed for Appliance repair technicians. Businesses are being contacted to participate in this program. Staff is working with community colleges to set up training focusing on technology instruction to help with the technical aspects that repair technicians need to perform their jobs efficiently.
- The Apprenticeship unit is targeting the underserved - women and veterans to increase participation in apprenticeship programs.

IX. Good and Welfare

- None.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.