

**CONNECTICUT STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2013
at the
Connecticut Department of Labor
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, Connecticut
Conference Rooms A & B
at 1:30 p.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:40 p.m.

Members In Attendance

Chair, Sharon M. Palmer, Frank DaCato, Robert Corrado, Martin Alvarenga, Kurt Westby, Gregory Raucci.

Members Not In Attendance

Jeffrey Mellow, Robert Berkmoes, Fitz Walker Jr., Patricia Ciccone.

Others Present

Vinnie Valente, Ken Duff, Gary Pechie, Keri Lamontagne, Gina Knox, Larry Vallieres, Paul Costello, Jill Houser, Carl DiFazio, Mark Mastropasqua, Velma Williams, Jon Waleski, Gail Kinney, Mel Olssen, Richard Dupont, Patricia Downs.

Recorder

Jeanie Simoneau

I. Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were no minutes from previous meeting.

II. Correspondence

None.

III. Apprenticeship Update – Vinnie Valente

- An overview of apprenticeship was given by the program manager.
- Apprenticeship reports were distributed to Council members and colleagues, showing a total of 4,429 registered apprentices.
- There are 486 newly registered apprentices and 139 terminations this period.

- The active sponsor count to date is 1460.
- We have completed a Results Based Accountability report card for CT State Legislature.
- We are in process of updating our website.
- All field staff are now OSHA trained.

IV. Apprenticeship Related Instruction - Jon Waleski

- Connecticut Technical High School System is evaluating two new proposals:
 - 1) A requirement for all Connecticut registered apprentices to be OSHA-30 certified.
 - 2) An increase in tuition fees for registered apprentices to make adult apprenticeship programs more sustainable.

V. Old Business

No old business was brought before the Council.

VI. New Business – Frank DaCato

- The 69th ESAC Conference is to be held at Foxwoods Casino from June 3rd to June 6th with registration taking place on June 3rd from 3-6 p.m. A reception will follow. Commissioner Palmer will be a keynote speaker. A full agenda was made available to council members and colleagues.

VII. Public Comments

- Jill Houser of USDOL thanked Commissioner and DOL staff for their support at the manufacturing meeting last week in Waterbury.
- Frank DaCato invited manufacturing groups to give a breakout session at ESAC conference.
- Velma Williams interested in getting high school students introduced to the apprentice program and giving them a pre-apprentice prerequisite.

VIII Good and Welfare

- Vinnie Valente recognized Frank DaCato and Paul Costello for putting together the ESAC conference.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.