

**Connecticut State Apprenticeship Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2019  
Goodwin College Manufacturing Center  
East Hartford, CT**

**I. Meeting Call to Order at 1:30 p.m.**

The meeting was informational only. There was no quorum.

- Deputy Commissioner Dante Bartolomeo of CTDOL chaired the meeting due to Commissioner Westby's absence.
- Todd G. Berch of the Office of Apprenticeship Training notified the public that it was National Apprenticeship Week. Todd informed everyone that long time SAC Council Member Melvin Olsson and Robert Albin who had retired from the Office of Apprenticeship Training had both passed away. Their dedication and support of Apprenticeship is appreciated and they will be greatly missed.
- Apprenticeship Representative Paul Femia introduced James Pergolizzi, member of the U.S. Air Force and Salvatore Osso, Jr., owner of the Majestic Electric Company in Niantic, CT. James will be an apprentice in the electrical trade at Majestic. James believes Apprenticeship is a great program because it allows veterans to integrate easily into the civilian workforce. Deputy Commissioner Bartolomeo presented a certificate to Mr. Osso for participating in the Apprenticeship program as a sponsor.
- Signing Day: Pre-apprentice students signed to participate in a 22 week Insurance program that was recently established at Goodwin College. Participating Insurance agencies, Ferguson & McGuire Insurance Inc., Peter M. Bakker Agency, Inc. and Brent Young Agency, LLC were recognized as the sponsors.
- Goodwin College also spoke about their collaboration and creation of a new apprenticeship program for Insurance Agents and the first Apprentice of this program signed and was officially registered.
- Various Sponsors/Business Owners, including Electric Boat, Phoenix Manufacturing, Inc. and Wepco Plastics, Inc. who participate in the apprenticeship program commented on the positive benefits of hiring and training apprentices.
- SAC Council Member Paul Costello said that the 2020 Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship Conference (ESAC) will be held at Harrahs Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey from May 11 through May 15, 2020.

**The Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.**