

## Meeting Minutes: Apprenticeship Advisory Board

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Date: April 14, 2022  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Minutes prepared by: Grace Ouellette  
Location: Virtual - WebEx  
Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry  
443 Lafayette Road N  
St. Paul, MN 55155

### Attendance

**All Members Present:**

Tim Sturdivant  
Tom McCarthy  
Deon Clark  
Erin Larsen  
Don Mullin  
Sophie Thaden  
Melissa Stachovich  
Laurie Warner  
Norma Miller

**Attendees:**

Roslyn Robertson	Rebecca Daurio	Annie Welch
Jessica Grosz	Paul Blomquist	Randy Metts
Rick Martagon	Murray Death	Jeremy McConkey
Terry Frauly	Mike Bambrick	Dean Mills
LaRohn Latimer	Marv Urias	Jennifer Hathaway
Leslie Philmon	Helen Escoto	Jess Coykendall
Jeremy Parker	Tom Kennedy	Marc DeCoster
Kelly Henriksen	Kat Ertter	Josie Chavez
Charles MacIntosh	Ross Micali	Larry Eisenstadt
Meghana Shroff	Maria Mancilla-Diaz	Tim Barrett
Akin Shadeko	Trevor Ogilvie	Kelcey Woods-Nord
Denise Corrier	Katelyn Quast	Stevenson Morgan
Grace Ouellette	Lisa Vandeville	Thomas Aasheim
	Chris Weaver	

### 1. The Meeting was called to order by Tom McCarthy at 1:30 p.m.

- (a) Welcome-Chair
- (b) Roll Call-Jeremy Parker called Roll Call – Chair directed that the record reflects those members in attendance.

## 2. Approval of Proposed Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 14, 2022 Apprenticeship Advisory Board Meeting Agenda. All members voted to approve the agenda.

## 3. Department of Labor and Industry Greeting and Update

**Roslyn Robertson, Commissioner of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry**

- DLI staff returning to the office on April 22, 2022 and opening the building up to the public was discussed.
- Legislative session outcomes thus far: Workers' compensation advisory bill was signed into law this year.
- Proposed legislation: Supplemental budget request to increase LEAP grant funds and resources to reestablish a full-time director of Apprenticeship. This proposal was not adopted in the Senate; it is included in the House bill. Additionally, there is a recommendation to establish an apprenticeship position to act as a veteran liaison in the House bill.
- DLI is preparing the agency and programs for an influx of the infrastructure dollars that DLI expects from the federal government.
- Commissioner Robertson anticipates each business unit that holds Advisory Councils and Boards to transition to offering in person meetings. There will be virtual options also.

## 4. Approval of January 13, 2022 Board Minutes

Approval of January 13, 2022 board minutes. After Roll Call a motion was made, seconded, and carried.

## 5. Registered Apprenticeship in Minnesota Update

**Jessica Grosz, Director of Labor Standards and Apprenticeship**

- Currently we have two USDOL grants: MNRAE and MNCERA.
- The MNCERA grant will help Apprenticeship transition to the USDOL Rapids system.
- Currently there are 494 Registered Apprentices under the MNRAE grant with a goal of 800 RAs total.
- Under the MNRAE grant Apprenticeship has reached 22 of the 23 Registered Apprenticeship programs goal.
- A new USDOL grant application for Apprenticeship Building America is due on April 25, 2022. This grant lasts for 48 months. If selected Apprenticeship would receive between \$1 million and \$4 million.
- Special recognition for Laurie Warner's service to the Apprenticeship Advisory Board on her last day.

Roll Call, motion to approve, seconded and carried.

## 6. Ujamaa Place Update

**Otis Zanders, President/CEO and Stevenson Morgan, Employment Coach**

- Mr. Zanders works with African American men between 18-30 years old who have experienced homelessness, chemical dependency, undereducation, unemployment, or involvement with the criminal justice system.

- Mr. Zanders discussed Ujamaa Place goals, especially maintaining employment in order to reach goals.
- They have close to 40 services related to housing, GED attainment, counseling and mental health services, and more.
- Their goal is to get their clients a job with benefits to make a living sustainable wage.
- Mr. Zanders touched on the trades and union help and opportunities through Apprenticeship.

## **7. Construct Tomorrow Update**

**Leslie Philmon, Board Member/Apprenticeship MN Senior Field Representative**

- Construct Tomorrow has had in person events this school year in Rochester, Mankato, St. Paul, and Hinckley.
- Four more in person events are planned, in St. Cloud, Forest Lake, Duluth, and Moorhead.
- A new program coordinator will be hired.

## **8. Apprenticeship Coordinators Association of Minnesota (ACAM) Update**

**Tom Aasheim, ACAM President and Director of Operations at the Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest**

- Rehab projects are being done at George Floyd Square. All the building trades are being asked to participate as much as they can and to train people in the community who participate so they can perform rehab projects safely.
- Discussion on how to represent Apprenticeship best at the State Fair this year.
- Registering for summer training - Minnesota Trades Academy can come to training centers to get hands on experience and learn which trade they might want to choose for themselves.

## **9. Adjourn**

- Tom McCarthy called for a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded and carried.