

Meeting Minutes: Apprenticeship Advisory Board

Approved minutes can be viewed at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/apprenticeship-advisory-board>.

Date: October 13, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.
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
Melissa Stachovich
Norma Miller
Dienna Sabol

Attendees:

Denise Corrier	Betsy Adamson	Chris Von Helmst
Grace Ouellette	Leslie Philmon	Brianna Mitchell
Kate Perushek	Angie Brick	Camila Henry
Tom Aasheim	Wade Delk	Jennifer Gast
Jeremy Parker	Tara Miller	LaRohn Latimer
Dienna Sabol	Sara Schabnsberg	Eric Fisher
Kim Schrupp	Dianne Anderson	Heather Sorenson
Becky Brink Ray	Maria Espitia	Charles McIntoch
Jess Coykendall	Geu Xiong	Ryan Timlin
Bailey Olson	Tony Zahradka	Larry Eisenstadt
Gary Thaden	Marconi Wheeler	Scott Panek
Amy Samelian	Peter Carlson	Mike Cole
Caroline Klein	Terry Frauly	Adam Hanson
Blake Parsons	Brad Hopping	Megan Schroeder
Riley Knox	John Quarnstrom	
Pete Teigland	Dave Dressler	

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

- Welcome-Chair
- New board member, Dee Sabol was introduced.
- Roll Call-Erin Larsen called roll call – Chair directed that the record reflects those members in attendance.

2. Approval of Proposed Agenda

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the October 13, 2022, Apprenticeship Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

3. Approval of July 14, 2022, Board Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the July 14, 2022 board minutes.

4. Department of Labor and Industry Greetings and Update

Kate Perushek, Interim Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

- Several staffing changes have taken place at DLI over the last three months. Nicole Blissenbach was appointed Temporary Commissioner following Commissioner Roberston's retirement, and Kate Perushek was appointed Interim Deputy Commissioner. Erin Larsen was hired as Apprenticeship Director.
- Frontline worker pay program: DLI will distribute equal payments of \$487.45 to 1,025,655 Minnesotans.
- Legislative proposals: three proposals will be submitted to the Governor, including:
 - a policy proposal to formally establish a Division of Apprenticeship,
 - a budget proposal to expand the Labor Education Advancement Program (LEAP) grant from \$100,000 annually to \$ 1 million annually and to broaden eligibility to include non-profits and tribal governments,
 - a budget proposal to provide apprenticeship sponsors with funding to purchase equipment to train journeyworkers and apprentices in clean economy occupations and skills.

5. Board Members Update

Board members provided introductions and background information about themselves to new board members.

6. National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors Update

Jeremy Parker, Apprenticeship Senior Field Representatives, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

- Provided an update on the NASTAD Conference held in September 2022.
- Sessions at the conference highlighted:
 - K-12 Teacher Registered Apprenticeship,
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility,
 - Intermediaries that supply technical assistance on behalf of State and Federal Registered programs offices and agencies

7. Registered Apprenticeship in Minnesota Update

Erin Larsen, Director of Apprenticeship, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

- Provided update on National Apprenticeship Week scheduled for November 14-20, 2022, and the related upcoming events.
- Provided update on Apprenticeship Minnesota's USDOL grant, MNRAE, including that the goal to register 800 new registered apprentices has been met.
- Provided update on Apprenticeship Minnesota's USDOL grant, MNCERA, including a status update on the transition from the current apprenticeship database to the federal RAPIDS database.
- Provided update on current apprenticeship data, including current active apprentices, demographics of apprentices, registrations, and completions.

8. Board Discussion-Approval of Report

Roll call, motion to approve, seconded, and carried.

9. Goodwill Easter Seals

Becky Brink Ray, Director of Career Training & Education, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota

- Provided update on use of Apprenticeship Minnesota's LEAP grant award.
- Program provides training for construction and automotive service technicians.
- Goal for program next year is to serve over 60 individuals.

10. Construct Tomorrow Program Update

Kim Schrupp, Co-Chair, Workforce Relations, Laborers Local 563

- First Construct Tomorrow event is scheduled for October 18, in Moorhead with 950 students registered.
- Nine additional events planned for the school year.

11. Apprenticeship Coordinators Association of Minnesota Update

Tom Aasheim, ACAM President

- Provided update on upcoming events, including fundraising events for injured apprentices
- Next meeting is scheduled for December

12. Adjourn

- Roll call
- January meeting will be held in-person at DLI
- Tom McCarthy adjourned the Apprenticeship Advisory Board Meeting