

May 29, 2024, Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council minutes

1. **Call meeting to order.** Meeting called to order by Corey Gall at 10:04 a.m.
2. **Record attendees.**
 - a. Introduction of guests from Iowa by David Polk. Iowa is now an State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) state and has been visiting WI to learn more about our functions.
3. **Review roster.**
 - a. New Council members – David Polk introduced Shanna Beanan from Harley-Davidson and Jake Mihm from the Department of Public Instruction.
4. **Review and approve 2/7/2024 meeting minutes.** Shaun McHugh Motioned, Rob Geise seconded. Minutes passed w/ no corrections.
5. **Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Biennial Conference Update –** David Polk announced the venue will be Kalahari resort in Wis Dells and the event will run from 02/19/25 through 02/21/25.
6. **Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Year-End Report –** Document was reviewed by committee. Item of note from David Polk was that BAS almost topped out the year at 17,000 apprentices but did not hit 17,000. Big growth in construction apprentices and healthcare apprenticeships.
7. **Milwaukee Jobs For the Future Technical Assistance on diversity in construction trades registered apprenticeship in the Milwaukee area. (Council member Lindsey Blumer)** - Lindsay Blumer provided an update on JFF technical assistance presentation as a council member and WRTP/Big Step rep. Goal for conversation was to promote database construction to help understand overall environment and create pipelines to construction trades in Milwaukee. Discussed best practices and reviewed data.
8. **Department of Labor – Apprenticeship Grants Update – Renee Lushaj**
 - a. SAE2020 closeout –Renee Lushaj – Grant was supposed to close 06/2023 and WI requested an extension that was granted. Excited to report that we are on track to exceed goals of grant.
 - b. SAEF1 extension Renee Lushaj – started 07/01 2023 and was to end 06/30/2024 but DOL granted a one-year extension to all states who received it. This grant was intended to help states expand capacity with

IT projects and staffing. Also providing discrimination/EEO training to council/committee members.

- c. SAEF2 grant - Renee Lushaj– recently applied for this grant (due 04/01/2024) and we are waiting for notice that we received the grant. This will be very similar to SAEF1 grant noted above.
- d. CDS grant – Renee Lushaj congressionally directed spending, 5 mil grant for 3 years indicated to fund efforts in supporting the Early Childhood Education apprenticeship program and developing the teacher apprenticeship program. Early Childhood Education sprint efforts will begin 06/01/2024 goal for 60. Teacher apprenticeship goal of 30 apprentices for initial pilot during grant. This will also include some IT upgrades.

9. Updates for the Advisory Council

- a. Wisconsin Technical College System - Crystal **Seeley-Schreck**
– reviewed WTCS Systemwide update – \$1.6 million in Tools of the Trade scholarship dollars awarded in 2024. Supporting 801 construction and industrial apprentices each receiving \$2,000 in scholarship awards.
Created 21 new apprenticeship programs across the state in 2024.
WIDS curriculum updates for its five-year cycle reviewing five programs: Arborist, Steamfitter, Machinist, Plumbing, and Injection Mold Set-Up (Plastic).
WTCS Activity Report:
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:74e364a8-c845-37b4-909d-b6c751e3d28a>
- b. Certified Pre-Apprenticeship - **Jesse Gitter**
reviewed CPA numbers including approved providers, active providers, approved programs, active programs, newly added programs and discontinued programs.

Total CPA completers 202 in Q1
- c. Other Items from the Director or Council Members
Jake Mihm – Question about Barber/Cosmetic (BARCO) and if it's considered a skilled occupation for YA. John Keckhaver stated he will touch on this during his YA report.

Jim Cook – asked to status of BARCO state committee – David Polk advised it is not currently active within BAS but unable to get DSPS on board at this time.

10. Youth Apprenticeship Updates - John Keckhaver

- a. First National Youth Apprenticeship Week John Keckhaver – National YA week went well. Several stakeholders ran events and participated in outreach. 05/05-05/11
- b. Increases in YA's and YA Employers John Keckhaver – reviewed the YA dashboard that is available on BAS website. Discussed Annual numbers and that 10 years of data is available for review to determine trends. Health Science has had large growth.
- c. NEW YA Occupational Pathways John Keckhaver– legislature directed YA to create new occupational clusters. Four new additional YA programs will be announced in law enforcement, project management/public admin, fire protection and BARCO.
- d. Focus items for coming program year – John Keckhaver Big year for YA – program updates, new updated QA process (grantee monitoring) using new data gathering process, document reviews, and interview process.
New Strategy – access and diversity assessments.

11. Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards – Staffing Updates

- a. New Staff Introduction – Deputy Director Pusch reviewed the ORG chart and Ben Stahlecker introduced new ATR staff.

12. Advisory Council 2024 Meeting Dates

- a. Aug. 14, 2024
- b. Nov. 13, 2024(National Apprenticeship Week Off-site Council meeting)

13. Public Comment (limited to agenda items)

14. Adjourn at 11:54 a.m.

Motion – Jim Cook
Second – Dan Webster.