

Steamfitting State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attend In-Person:

Madison College
2125 Commercial Ave
Madison, WI
Room 240

Attend Virtually: [Join meeting now](#)

Teams Meeting ID: 283 678 630 643 0 | **Passcode:** qH2Qx9Yx

Attend via Phone: #608-571-2209 | **Conference ID:** 542 068 696#

Note: Public comment will occur only when noted, after committee discussion and prior to committee action.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Record Attendees**
3. **Review Roster**
4. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
5. **Specific Committee Items for Discussion (*Public Comment*)**
 - a. **GAN follow up – BAS approved language for standards**
6. **Director's Call Discussion**
7. **WTCS Report**
8. **Other Discussion Items**
9. **Review Program Participants**
10. **Set Next Meeting Date/Time**
11. **Adjourn**



State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee
Steamfitting Fall 2025 Meeting
Draft Minutes

09/16/25

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Virtual and In-Person: Both

Check if Present	Members	Organization/Employer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christensen, Paul	1901 Inc / Co Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edwards, Doug	Steamfitters Local 601 / Co Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Birong, Josh	Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 118
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colwell, James	United Mechanical, Inc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gall, Corey	WI Pipe Trades Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gorges, Joe	CGI Mechanical
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster, Cheyenne	ABC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Riehle, Mark	JM Brennan, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Runge, Mitch	Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 434
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weinfurter, Greg	Tweet-Garot Mechanical, Inc
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Check if Present	Consultants & Guests	Organization/Employer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Polk, David	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pusch, Liz	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	O'Shasky, Lynn	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fortney, Kelly	MCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Krejcarek, Scott	Local 400 Training Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Korn, Gary	UA Local 434
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valerine, Chris	Local 601
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Johannssen, Angela	MCA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mayek, Mandy	WTCS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Walsh, Julie	Madison Area Mechanical Contractors Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Johnson, Al	118 Training Director

Draft Meeting Minutes

Lynn O'Shasky

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Note Who: Liz Pusch

Note Time: 1:10pm

2. Introductions and Record Attendees (in table above)

3. Review Roster

Note any Changes: BAS will reach out to Josh and Mark for new nomination info

Nomination of Doug Edwards to committee Co-Chair

Motion made

Motion seconded

Motion approved

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Note any Changes: none

Motioned to Approve made by: Corey Gall

Seconded Motion made by: Joe Gorges

Motion approved

5. Specific Committee Items for Discussion (*Public Comment*)

a. Applicant Testing Requirement:

Local 601 will provide data on Accuplacer and GAN testing requirement

- Local 601 began using GAN testing 5/15/25 with goal to be standalone entrance requirement. Chris Valerine shared statistics on pass rate along with Accuplacer info for comparison.
 - Josh Birong and Corey Gall spoke in favor of updating the current exam requirements to allow additional testing options as an alternative. Discussed stating this as an "Or" option.
 - Director Polk shared concerns of creating barriers to program entrance/increased fail rate with GAN.
 - Doug Edwards and Mark Riehle - GAN addresses the issue of having qualified individuals. Chris Valerine indicates there are study guides, accommodation and tutoring available.
 - Paul Christensen noted that this may help reduce drop-out rate.
 - Discussion on proposed language for addition to state standards: Language would need to indicate that the minimum assessment info would be determined at local JAC level
 - Discussion on test score crosswalks: There is no correlating crosswalk between GAN and Accuplacer.
 - Suggested language introduced:
Satisfy the following minimum scores on one of the following assessments:
 - i. Accuplacer Classic: Arithmetic 66; Elementary Algebra 33, Reading 74
 - ii. Accuplacer Next Gen: Arithmetic 250; QAS 235; Reading 249
 - iii. ACT: Math 17; Reading 17
 - iv. Or other assessment and scores as approved by the Department
- BAS will send out updated Standards Language when it is approved.

Motion to accept proposed language by Corey Gall
Second by Josh Birong
Motion approved

- 6. Questions from the Director's Call** Note Questions/Comments:
Director's calls are now being recorded and available online at
<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/meetings-statetrade.htm>
To sign up for State Committee meeting notifications, please use above link as well
- 7. WTCS Report**
Mandy Mayek – offered to respond to any questions from info presented on Director's Call
- 8. Other Discussion Items**
- 9. Review program participants**
- 10. Set Next Meeting Date/Time** Note Next Meeting: April 8 1:00pm in person w/virtual option
- 11. Adjourn**
 - a. Note Time: 2:11pm
 - b. Motion to Adjourn made by: Corey Gall
 - c. Motion Seconded by: Josh Birong



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Report is based on apprentice contracts where:

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Occupation	Apprentices									Employers				
	Total	Minority		Females		Union		Non-Union		Total	Union		Non-Union	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
Report Total	1,062	91	8.6	30	2.8	1,045	98.4	17	1.6	131	127	96.9	4	3.1
Steamfitter (47-2152.00)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	1	0	0	1	100.0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	608	54	8.9	24	3.9	592	97.4	16	2.6	93	89	95.7	4	4.3
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	456	39	8.6	6	1.3	456	100.0	0	0	84	84	100.0	0	0

State Committee Report by Sponsor & Occupation



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ABC of Wisconsin (All)	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	100.0	4	0	0	4	100.0
Steamfitter (47-2152.00)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	1	0	0	1	100.0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	100.0	4	0	0	4	100.0
Appleton Area Steamfitter JAC	196	13	6.6	5	2.6	196	100.0	0	0	29	29	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	128	4	3.1	4	3.1	128	100.0	0	0	23	23	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	69	9	13.0	1	1.4	69	100.0	0	0	14	14	100.0	0	0
Eau Claire Area Steamfitting JAC	47	1	2.1	1	2.1	47	100.0	0	0	16	16	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	22	1	4.5	0	0	22	100.0	0	0	10	10	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	25	0	0	1	4.0	25	100.0	0	0	11	11	100.0	0	0
Green Bay Area Steamfitting JAC	103	4	3.9	8	7.8	103	100.0	0	0	12	12	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	64	3	4.7	8	12.5	64	100.0	0	0	7	7	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	39	1	2.6	0	0	39	100.0	0	0	8	8	100.0	0	0
K-R-W Steamfitting JAC	95	15	15.8	2	2.1	95	100.0	0	0	29	29	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	60	11	18.3	2	3.3	60	100.0	0	0	17	17	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	36	5	13.9	0	0	36	100.0	0	0	17	17	100.0	0	0
La Crosse Area Steamfitting JAC	23	1	4.3	0	0	23	100.0	0	0	12	12	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	17	1	5.9	0	0	17	100.0	0	0	8	8	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	6	0	0	0	0	6	100.0	0	0	5	5	100.0	0	0

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Madison Area Steamfitting JAC	205	17	8.3	7	3.4	205	100.0	0	0	27	27	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	127	12	9.4	7	5.5	127	100.0	0	0	17	17	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	78	5	6.4	0	0	78	100.0	0	0	20	20	100.0	0	0
SE WI Area Steamfitting JAC	326	40	12.3	6	1.8	326	100.0	0	0	40	40	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	139	21	15.1	2	1.4	139	100.0	0	0	25	25	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	187	19	10.2	4	2.1	187	100.0	0	0	35	35	100.0	0	0
Tri-City Area Steamfitting JAC	51	1	2.0	1	2.0	51	100.0	0	0	12	12	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Construction) (47-2152.00)	35	1	2.9	1	2.9	35	100.0	0	0	10	10	100.0	0	0
Steamfitter (Service/Refrigeration) (47-2152.00)	16	0	0	0	0	16	100.0	0	0	5	5	100.0	0	0



Historical Report by Year

Report Period: 2026* and Previous -10 Years

*Current year is YTD data as of Run Date: 03/04/2026		
Run Date: 03/04/2026		
State Steamfitting Committee		
Sponsored Trade Group(s): Construction		
Year	Active Apprentices	Active Employers
2016	431	109
2017	519	114
2018	573	118
2019	663	123
2020	694	120
2021	697	123
2022	686	121
2023	721	124
2024	788	124
2025	862	124
2026	911	127

