



WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council Wednesday, November 12, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm
Dane County Job Center-Ballroom
1819 Aberg Ave
Madison, WI 53704
In-Person and/or Virtual: Both

1. Call to Order

Who: Henry Hurt

Time: 10:01am

2. Record Attendees

Member	Organization	Present/Absent
Henry Hurt (Co-Chair)	Hurt Electric, Inc	x
Corey Gall (Co-Chair)	WI Pipe Trades Assoc	absent
Shanna Beanan	Harley-Davidson Motor Co	x
Michael Bink	UAW Local 469	x
Lindsay Blumer	WRTP/Big Step	x
Daniel Bukiewicz	Milw Building & Construction Trades Council	x
Jessie Cannizzaro	Milestone Plumbing, Inc	x
Cheyenne Foster	ABC of WI Inc	x
Rob Giese	NCSRCC	x
Shirron Jude	Greater Milwaukee Urban League	x
Seth Lentz	Workforce Dev Board of South Central WI	x
Shaun McHugh	Operating Engineers Local 139	x
Jacob Mihm	WI Dept of Public Instruction	x
Hollie O'Neill	IBEW Local 2150-We Energies	excused
Tim Reiter	United Steel Workers	absent
Chrystal Seeley Schreck	WI Technical College System	x
Chuck Spoehr	Miron Construction Co Inc	x
Daniel Webster	Walbec Group	x
Bridgett Willey	UW Health	x
Mike Wagner	NECA/IBEW	x
Ann Troka	Sargento	x
Guests		
David Polk	BAS	x

Liz Pusch	BAS	x
Nick Abbott	BAS	x
Andrew Kasper	BAS	x
Mandy Mayek	WTCS	x
Christina Jungwirth	NWTC	x
John Keckhaver	BAS	x
Ryan Herber	BAS	x
Leslie Pelikan	BAS	x
Jesse Gitter	BAS	x
Brenda Egli	IBEW 159	x
Ben Stahlecker	BAS	x
Stephanie Johnston	WI NECA-IBEW Apprenticeship & Training	x
Trina Schofield-	BAS	x
Tammy Kennedy	BAS	x
Renee Lushaj	BAS	x
Tim Roark	BAS	x
Melissa Uffelman	BAS	x
Lavelle Gill	BAS	x
Chelsea Will	BAS	x
Raquel Nowak	BAS	x
Emily Woger	BAS	x
Elizabeth Roddy	ABC of Wisconsin	x
Nicci Pagán	Gateway	x

3. Review Roster – reviewed roster and introduced two new members. Mike Wagner and Ann Troka.

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Cheyene Foster

Second: Shaun McHugh

Motion Approved

5. Updates for the Advisory Council

a. Access and Outreach Subcommittee Update: Mental Health Training for Apprentices

Sub-committee recommendations to council:

- i. Propose that the WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council recommend mental health training for all apprentices and refer the item to the applicable state committees for additional discussion and potential action.
 - a. Subcommittee will create a resource sheet of available mental health training providers and programs for the Council to review, approve and distribute

The committee discussed the recommendation, including potential implementation approaches. They noted that allowing different industries to adopt the recommendation on varying timelines would support data collection and help identify best practices. The discussion also covered how training would qualify under the proposed approach.

The committee also inquired as to what additional outreach or data collection BAS could perform to determine what employers currently use for mental health training.

Motion to adopt sub-committee recommendation. – Shaun McHugh

Second – Rob Giese

Motion Approved

- b. 2028 WI Apprenticeship Conference
 - i. Director Polk provided an overview of how the next conference will be planned and discussed some lessons learned.
- c. 2026 National Apprenticeship Week
 - i. 2026 NAW will be held April 26 – May 2nd

6. Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Update

Chrystal Seeley Schreck provided an update on enrollment numbers, tools of the trade, and an overview of the joint BAS/WTCS meetings held in early September. She also discussed the apprenticeship curriculum review process.

7. Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Update

John Keckhaver presented the following updates:

- The YA consortium grant application season is approaching. There are currently 40 operating consortia, with 99% of public school districts participating.
- YA aims to increase participation from high schools within those districts, as well as from eligible private high schools.
- YA grant funding was temporarily increased in the 2025 (12.5million) –26 (13.5 million) state budget; however, this funding level is not guaranteed in the next budget cycle.
- YA is implementing a new five-year review cycle for all programs to support continuous improvement and quality assurance.

8. BAS Quality Assurance Division Update

CPA Update – Jesse Gitter provided a review of recent updates to the CPA program guide and application process. Jesse also reviewed employment rates of CPA completers and their applicable wage rates by quarter.

Counts for Q3

Providers – 28

Programs – 41

Newly added programs – 4

Discontinued programs – 2

Program reviews conducted – 2

Completers who entered into a registered apprenticeship between 1/1/25 and 9/30/25 – 152

Council also discussed examples of successful CPA programing that is currently in place in WI.

9. Grant Updates

Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Apprenticeship

Program growth in Northeast Wisconsin has led to the addition of NWTC as a third cohort sponsorship school.

Current grant funding is supporting an additional cohort of 16 apprentices at NWTC.

The three cohort schools are now – NWTC, MATC and CVTC

Teacher (K-9) Apprenticeship Pilot

The K-9 Teacher Apprenticeship Pilot is continuing with 8 active apprentices.

There are 5 sponsoring school partners, including one new partner: Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy.

UWW at Rock County has been added as a second related instruction provider.

Education Assistant Apprenticeship (In Development)

A new Education Assistant Apprenticeship is currently under development.

Expected launch date: January 5, 2026.

10. Other Topics from the Director or Council Members

Director Polk advised the council of WI reaching a new milestone of over 18,000 apprentice contracts.

11. Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items)

No public comments were received.

12. Advisory Council 2026 Meeting Dates

February 4 2026

April 29 2026

August 19 2026

November 18th 2026

13. Adjournment

Motion: Rob Giese

Second: Mike Wagner

Time: 11:34 am