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Arborist Apprenticeship State Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attend In-Person: Gateway Kenosha Campus
Madrigano Conference Center
3520 30th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53144

Attend Virtually: [Join the meeting now](#)

Teams Meeting ID: 281 017 818 200 028 | Passcode: ip2wA3dx

Dial in by phone: 1-608-571-2209
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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. Mental Health Training for Apprentices (carryover from spring)
 - b. Pesticide Applicator License Requirements (update from WTCS)
6. Director's Call Discussion
7. WTCS Update
8. Other Discussion Items
9. Review Program Participants
10. Set Next Meeting Date/Time
11. Adjourn



State Arborist Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

May, 06, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm

In-Person and/or Virtual: Virtual

Check if Present	Members	Organization/Employer
☒	Hoppe, August - Co-Chair	Hoppe Tree Service - Employer
☒	Reince, Ben	Wachtel Tree Service - Employer
☒	Mitchell Berge	Dorshak Family Tree & Landscape Inc-Employee
☒	Danell Vance	City of Milwaukee Forestry Services
☐	Trevor Novacek - Absent	Willow Tree Service - Employer
☒	Harris, Tim	SavATree - Employee
☐		
Check if Present	Consultants & Guests	Organization/Employer
☒	Pusch, Liz	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Nick Abbott	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Mandy Mayek	WTCS
☒	Chuck Olsen	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Johana Oboyle	MATC
☒	Aaron Schauer	Gateway
☒	Cindy Bahr	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Joe Hoffman	Mid state technical
☒	Darrell Ferguson	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Leslie Pelikan	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Tammy Kennedy	Bureau of Apprenticeship
☒	Brandon Peterson	Bureau of Apprenticeship

Draft Meeting Minutes
Nick Abbott

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1. Call Meeting to Order

- Note Who: Liz Pusch
- Note Time: 10:05am

2. Introductions and Record Attendees (in table above)

3. Review Roster

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- Note any Changes: minor spelling update
- Motioned to Approve made by: August Hoppe
- Seconded Motion made by: Dannell Vance

5. Specific Committee Items for Discussion (Public Comment)

- Updated job book
 - i. Committee reviewed the updated job book
- Madison College Program introduction –
 - i. Adam Alves from Madison College introduced himself and MATC's program sequencing to the committee. Madison College has recently been approved as a related instruction provider for Arborist Apprenticeship. Also discussed established CPA in the Madison Area.
 - ii. Madison College is looking adding CDL licensure options to their program soon.
 - iii. The topic of pesticide applicator license requirements was discussed.
 - 1. There is some discrepancy between the tech colleges in how it's offered. Some instructors are proctoring the test vs offering some test prep work.
 - 2. Motion to refer the topic to WTCS to clarify and report back.
Motion: Tim Harris
Second: Mitchell Berge
Motion Approved
- Mental Health Training for Apprentices
 - i. DD Pusch advised that mental health has been an important topic of discussion at their level for the last year. They have tasked BAS with surveying the state committees for feedback and input on what they currently do or offer in this context and if they would support mandatory/optional training be added to the apprenticeship programing.
 - 1. Committee discussed adding it to Arborist Association conference presentations. Members encouraged additional research on the topic and recommended against making it mandatory. Providing resources and letting individuals know they are available vs required mandatory training. Some employers offer resources to all employees via EAP and it is not limited to apprentices.
 - a. Arborists have a capstone course in their curriculum that could be modified to potentially add that as a topic.
 - b. Technical Colleges also offer these resources at a local level to all students.

6. Questions from the Director's Call

- Note Questions/Comments: The Director's Call recording is available on the State Committee website. Committee had no follow-up questions from the call.

7. WTCS Update

- Note Questions/Comments: Mandy Mayek announced a new process/policy for apprentices who received instruction from a non-WTCS entity to qualify for the JW AA Degree program.
- T2T availability can now be found on the WTCS website.

8. Other Discussion Items

Danelle discussed the need for additional YA outreach materials. BAS advised partnering directly with the consortiums that do that recruiting.

9. Review program participants

- Note Questions/Comments:

10. Set Next Meeting Date/Time

- Note Next Meeting: 10/20/26 @ 10am

11. Adjourn

- Note Time: 11:31am
- Motion to Adjourn made by: August Hoppe
- Motion Seconded by: Dannell Vance – motion approved



This summary counts employers and apprentices, between 8/20/2025 and 8/20/2026 with contract status as Active & Unassigned in occupation(s) associated with this committee.

Report is based on apprentice contracts where:
-Contract sector is 'Service'.
-Contract occupation code matches a occupation code assigned to committee.
-Contract sponsor is the employer.

Note: Employers active in more than one occupation or committee can cause Column #3 totals at the Committee or State level to deviate from the summed total of the individual occupation or committee rows.

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	87	20	23.0	10	11.5	1	1.1	86	98.9	19	1	5.3	18	94.7
Arborist (37-3013.00)	87	20	23.0	10	11.5	1	1.1	86	98.9	19	1	5.3	18	94.7

Historical Report by Year

Report Period: 2026* and Previous -10 Years

*Current year is YTD data as of Run Date: 08/24/2026		
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State Arborist Committee		
Sponsored Trade Group(s): Service		
Year	Active Apprentices	Active Sponsors
2016		
2017	3	2
2018	5	3
2019	39	6
2020	54	10
2021	61	13
2022	86	18
2023	76	13
2024	61	16
2025	84	17
2026	71	18

