
Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

10:00am-1:00pm

Join In-Person:

Miron Construction

1471 McMahon Drive Neenah, WI 54956

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Due to space constraints, we request that members of the public join virtually.

Agenda

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Record Attendees**
3. **Welcome**
 - a. Welcome remarks from Miron Construction leadership.
 - b. Introductions of some current Miron Construction apprentices.
4. **Review Roster**
5. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
6. **Updates for the Advisory Council (*all items tentative*):**
 - Wisconsin Apprenticeship Conference
 - A&O Sub-Committee Update
 - o Mental Health Training for Apprentices
7. **Wisconsin Technical College**
8. **Youth Apprenticeship**
9. **Certified Pre-Apprenticeship**
10. **Quality Assurance Division**
11. **Grant Updates**
12. **Other topics from the Director or Council Members**
13. **Public Comment** (limited to agenda items)
14. **Advisory Council 2026 Meeting Dates**

Wednesday November 18, 2026

15. Adjourn

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WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

10:00am-12:00pm

Sargento

One Persnickety Place, Plymouth, WI 53073

In-Person and/or Virtual: Both

1. Call meeting to order: Who: Corey Gall Time: 10:15am

2. Record Attendees

Member	Org	Present/Absent
Henry Hurt (Co-Chair)	Hurt Electric, Inc	x
Corey Gall (Co-Chair)	WI Pipe Trades Assoc	x
Shanna Beanan	Harley-Davidson Motor Co	x
Michael Bink	UAW Local 469	Absent
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	Urban League of Milwaukee	x
Seth Lentz	Workforce Dev Board of South Central WI	x
Shaun McHugh	Operating Engineers Local 139	x
Tom McCarthy proxy Jacob Mihm	WI Dept of Public Instruction	x
Jim Meyer	IBEW Local 2150-We Energies	Absent
Tim Reiter	United Steel Workers	Absent
Chrystal Seeley Schreck	WI Technical College System	x
Chuck Spoehr	Miron Construction Co Inc	x
Anne Troka	Sargento	x
Mike Wagner	NECA-IBEW	x
Daniel Webster	Walbec Group	x
Bridgett Willey	UW Health	x
David Polk	Director, BAS	x
Liz Pusch	Deputy Director, BAS	x

GUESTS		
Amy Pechacek	DWD Secretary	
Nick Abbott	BAS	
Lynn O'Shasky	BAS	
Andrew Kasper	BAS	
Ryan Herber	BAS	
Rachel Harvey	DWD	
Michele Carter	DWD	
Paul Kamps	BAS	
Leslie Pelikan	BAS	
John Keckhaver	BAS	
Jesse Gitter	BAS	
Renee Lushaj	BAS	
Stephanie Johnston	WI NECA-IBEW Apprenticeship & Training	
Tim Budda	BAS	
Cindy Bahr	BAS	
Trina Schofield	BAS	
Cheslea Will	BAS	
Mike Ruminski	BAS	
Mandy Mayek	WTCS	
Sam Everly	WI NECA-IBEW Apprenticeship & Training	
Tim Roark	BAS	
Long Vang	BAS	
Marc DeCoster	DOL-OA	
Brandon Peterson	BAS	
Melissa Uffelman	BAS	
Elizabeth Roddy	ABC	
Jeremy Crabb	WI NECA-IBEW Apprenticeship & Training	

3. National Apprenticeship Week 2026

Director Polk introduced DWD Secretary Pechacek, who welcomed the council and delivered opening remarks. The BAS Year-in-Review presentation was then shared

with the council.

The council was welcomed by Sargento leadership, followed by a panel of Sargento apprentices who shared insights into their experiences in the program.

4. Review roster.

5. Review and approve previous meeting minutes:

Motion to Approve: Rob Giese

Second: Cheyenne Foster

Motion Passed: approved as written w/ minor spelling corrections.

6. Updates for the Advisory Council *all items tentative:*

Dan Webster – Walbec Group ReEntry Partnership Update –(WIDOT/WIDOC)

- Dan provided an overview of their ongoing partnership and spoke about his personal experience with the WIDOT programing.

2028 WI Apprenticeship Conference

- Director Polk advised that the project group is being set up including the same project manager from last year. The PM will be reaching out to council members regarding participation in conference related subcommittees.

Update: Mental Health Training for Apprentices

- Director Polk provided an update regarding initial information captured during state committee season.
- Several committee members express interest in revising T2T to include this type of training. Though it was noted that T2T isn't until the final year of the apprenticeship. WTCS also shared concerns with utilizing T2T for this does not align with the curriculum.
- Committee requested sub-committee to set a meeting in June to discuss final state committee feedback. Recommendations will then get sent to council for August meeting.

7. Wisconsin Technical College Update

Chrystal Seeley-Schreck provided a WTCS system update.

- o Updates to Apprenticeship to AA degree pathway.
- o Reviewed new program approvals.
- o Reviewed new policy for working with 3rd parties for curriculum development and instruction.
- o Provided a Tools of the Trade update.

8. Youth Apprenticeship Update

John Keckhaver provided an overview of the status of the YA program

YA Grants/Funding for 2026-27

\$13.5 million for next year's YA grants (had \$12.5 in the current year)

40 consortiums currently approved in the state, 40 consortia applying for next year.

Enrollments in 2025-26

12,141 total number of apprentices in 2025-26.

New Education Pathways have seen 27% increase.

Construction saw 10% increase

YA Team Current Activities

Collaboration with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation around expanding access to high school students with disabilities

Continuing with program updates in Healthcare and Human Services, Construction, and Finance

9. Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Update

- Q1 snapshot: 30 providers and 43 active programs
- Program changes: 2 new programs added; 2 programs discontinued
- Oversight activity: 1 program review conducted
- Outcomes: 26 completers transitioned into registered apprenticeship (Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2026)

10. BAS Quality Assurance Division Update

Nothing to report at this time.

11. Grant Updates

Community Projects Grant Updates

Director Polk provided an update on the CDS and SAEF3 Grant.

12. Other topics from the Director or Council members

None

13. Public Comment (limited to agenda items)

none

14. Advisory Council 2026 Meeting Dates

Wednesday August 19, 2026 (Miron Construction)

Wednesday November 18, 2026

15. Adjourn: 12:58 pm

Motion: Henry Hurt

Second: Rob Giese

Meeting Adjourned