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## Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

10:00am-1:00pm

### Join In-Person:

**Sargento**

ONE PERSNICKETY PLACE, PLYMOUTH, WI 53073

### Join virtually: [Join the meeting now](#)

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## Agenda

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Record Attendees**
3. **National Apprenticeship Week 2026**
  - a. Welcome from Secretary Pechacek
    - BAS Year in Review
  - b. Welcome from Sargento
  - c. NAW Panel with Sargento
4. **Review Roster**
5. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
6. **Updates for the Advisory Council (*all items tentative*):**
  - a. Dan Webster – Walbec Group ReEntry Partnership Update –(WIDOT/WIDOC)
  - b. 2028 WI Apprenticeship Conference
  - c. Update: Mental Health Training for Apprentices
7. **Wisconsin Technical College Update**
8. **Youth Apprenticeship Update**
9. **Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Update**
10. **Quality Assurance Division Update**
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 August 19, 2026

Wednesday November 18, 2026

**15. Adjourn**

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## WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council

**Wednesday, February 04, 2026**

10:00am-12:00pm

Carpenters Training Center

601 Maple Ridge Road, Mosinee, WI 54455

In-Person and/or Virtual: Both

**1. Call meeting to order: Who:** David Polk      **Time:** 10:03

**2. Record Attendees**

Member	Org	Present/Absent
Henry Hurt (Co-Chair)	Hurt Electric, Inc	
Corey Gall (Co-Chair)	WI Pipe Trades Assoc	x
Shanna Beanan	Harley-Davidson Motor Co	x
Michael Bink	UAW Local 469	
Lindsay Blumer	WRTP/Big Step	
Daniel Bukiewicz	Milw Building & Construction Trades Council	
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
Jacob Mihm	WI Dept of Public Instruction	x
Jim Meyer	IBEW Local 2150-We Energies	x
Tim Reiter	United Steel Workers	
Chrystal Seeley Schreck	WI Technical College System	
Chuck Spoehr	Miron Construction Co Inc	
Ann 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

<b>GUESTS</b>		
Becky Kikkert	Workforce Dev Board of South Central WI	x
Marc DeCoster	DOL/OA	x
Dr Katie Roberts	WTCS	x
Mandy Mayak	WTCS	x
Brandi Davis	ABC of Wisconsin	x
Elizabeth Roddy	ABC of Wisconsin	x
Amelia Phillips	BAS	x
Renee O'Day	BAS	x
Emily Woger	BAS	x
Melissa Uffelman	BAS	x
Tammy Kennedy	BAS	x
Tim Budda	BAS	x
Raquel Nowak	BAS	x
Brandon Peterson	BAS	x
Long Vang	BAS	x
Andrew Kasper	BAS	x
John Keckhaver	BAS	x
Diego Foley	BAS	x
Renee Lushaj	BAS	x
Chelsea Will	BAS	x
Trina Schofield	BAS	x
Tim Roark	BAS	x
Lavelle Gill	BAS	x
Paul Kamps	BAS	x
Ryan Herber	BAS	x
Leslie Pelikan	BAS	x
Jesse Gitter	BAS	x
Joyce Ray	BAS	x
Cindy Bahr	BAS	x
Joe Knight	BAS	x
Lynn O'Shasky	BAS	x

**3. Review roster.**

**4. Review and approve previous meeting minutes:**

Motion to Approve: Rob Giese

Second: Cheyenne Foster

Motion Passed: approved as written

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

**a. Carpenters and WI Dept of Corrections Partnership Discussion**

Rob Giese, Danny Anderson, and Cullen Bresnahan shared outreach efforts to justice involved individuals.

Danny Anderson is leading this effort and is meeting with community partners (local workforce development boards, CESAs, etc) and Dept of Corrections offices (CCEP, Probation & Parole, etc) to share information on the hiring of individuals and resources available. It was also noted that Certified Pre-Apprenticeship program completers can bridge with credit into Heavy Highway/Pile Driver contract.

Council discussion was held on the transition process from training while incarcerated to Registered Apprenticeship programs when released.

BAS shared that DOC has an apprenticeship advisory committee that oversees CPA and RA programming, which varies by location.

**b. BAS 2025 Year In Review**

Director Polk reviewed highlights of data that will be included in BAS's Year in Review. The official publication will be shared at the April Council Meeting.

**c. Mental Health Training**

Director Polk provided a summary of the previous council discussions on this topic. BAS will gather input from stakeholders on what resources/training are currently provided. This will be added as an item to the spring State Committee meetings and BAS will update the council at the next meeting.

**d. 2028 Apprenticeship Conference**

BAS will utilize Council subcommittees to assist in planning the next conference. Hall of fame committee and fundraising committee will be created in addition to utilizing existing subcommittees.

**e. National Apprenticeship Week is April 26 – May 2, 2026**

Director Polk reminded members of the upcoming NAW. He reminded members to inform BAS of any events that may be scheduled. If BAS presence is requested, stakeholders can contact Director David.

**f. National Grant Opportunities**

Director Polk shared current grant opportunities:

Youth Build-open for submissions

Pay for performance grant-There is currently one open for the manufacturing sector and is run through the state of Arkansas. A new opportunity should be announced shortly.

SAEF 4-this grant announcement is coming soon.

**6. Wisconsin Technical College Update**

Mandy Mayak presented the following:

General WI Technical College System Update

Apprenticeship Completion Report (included in meeting materials)

Tools of the Trade scholarship: There were 1359 applicants for the \$2000

awards.

WTCS formed work groups for ongoing discussion on the following topics:

- Course Resources
- Administrative Support
- Direct Instruction Support Grant
- Emerging Sectors

2026 Joint BAS/WTCS conference: This year's conference will be held at Blackhawk Technical College.

## **7. Youth Apprenticeship Update**

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

Funding levels for current year are higher than normal due to expanded legislated funding. Levels will return to standard funding following this year unless additional funding continues.

Program review/expansion: This will be a continuous part of YA process to update every 5 years.

Council members/sponsors/employers may receive outreach from YA for input on the following topics:

- In addition to the existing occupations, where else is there a demand?
- Would you be willing to be part of the review of existing programs?

The three areas under review this year are Health and Human Services, Construction and Finance.

## **8. BAS Quality Assurance Division Update**

Jesse Gitter provided CPA updates including programs that have been recently certified.

## **9. Grant Updates**

No additional updates were provided.

## **10. Other topics from the Director or Council members**

None

## **11. Public Comment (limited to agenda items)**

none

## **12. Advisory Council 2026 Meeting Dates**

Next meeting 4/29/26 during National Apprenticeship Week at Sargento in Plymouth.

Meeting "Save the dates" have been sent out to council members and are available on the website.

## **13. Adjourn: 12:17**

**Motion:** Rob Geise

**Second:** Dan Webster

**Meeting Adjourned**