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Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
10:00am-1:00pm

Join In-Person:
ABC WI Center for Apprenticeship Excellence
2810 City View Dr Madison, WI 53718

Join virtually: Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 219 212 108 086 98| Passcode: wE7kf2mZ
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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 ABC Wisconsin Leadership.
   b. Introductions of some current ABC Wisconsin apprentices.
4. **Review Roster**
5. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
6. **Updates for the Advisory Council (*all items tentative):***
   - Wisconsin Apprenticeship Conference (2028)
   - Mental Health Training Update
   - BAS Strategic Plan
   - DWD Transparency Plan
   - A&O Sub-Committee Update
     - Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Update
7. **Wisconsin Technical College**
8. **Youth Apprenticeship**
9. **Certified Pre-Apprenticeship**
10. **Grant Updates**
11. **Other topics from the Director or Council Members**
12. **Public Comment** (limited to agenda items)

13. **Advisory Council 2027 Meeting Dates**

14. **Adjourn**

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WI Apprenticeship Advisory Council
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

10:00am-12:00pm
Miron Construction

In-Person and/or Virtual: Both

1. **Call meeting to order: Who:** *Henry Hurt* **Time: 10:07am**
2. **Record Attendees**

Member	**Org**	**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	excused
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	absent
Seth Lentz	Workforce Dev Board of South Central WI	x
Shaun McHugh	Operating Engineers Local 139	absent
Jacob Mihm	WI Dept of Public Instruction	x
Jim Meyer	IBEW Local 2150-We Energies	absent
Chrystal Seeley Schreck	WI Technical College System	x
Chuck Spoehr	Miron Construction Co Inc	x
Ann Troka	Sargento	excused
Mike Wagner	NECA-IBEW	x
Daniel Webster	Walbec Group(Justin Jordan Designee)	x
Bridgett Willey	UW Health	excused
GUESTS		
David Polk	Director, BAS	x
Liz Pusch	Deputy Director, BAS	x

Ben Stahlecker	BAS	x
Brandon Peterson	BAS	x
Mindy Collado	WRTP	x
Emily Woger	BAS	x
Joyce Ray	BAS	x
Mandy Mayek	WTCS	x
Jesse Gitter	BAS	x
Tim Roark	BAS	x
Andrew Kasper	BAS	x
Mike Ruminski	BAS	x
Ryan Herber	BAS	x
Lavell Gill	BAS	x
Long Vang	BAS	x
Darrell Ferguson	BAS	x
Lauren Lonski	DWD	x
Ken Heins	KLH Industries Inc	x

3. **Introductory Remarks**

   -Host site Miron Construction leadership provided welcome remarks and introduced several apprentices who shared their experience as youth apprentices who bridged into registered apprenticeships.

4. **Review roster**

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

   Motion to Approve: Mike Wagner

   Second: Rob Geise

   Motion Passed: approved as written

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

- Wisconsin Apprenticeship Conference
  - The conference project manager provided a brief overview of the planning process for the upcoming apprenticeship conference in 2028.
  - Planning subcommittees will begin meeting in Q4 of 2026. The subcommittees are – Agenda/Session Planning, Hall of Fame, Fundraising.
  - Assignments will be determined by the Director.
- A&O Sub-Committee Update
  - Mental health training for apprentices
    - After evaluating mental health training options across state advisory committees, the sub-committee noted strong support for the topic but resistance to making it a mandatory completion requirement. To address this, the sub-committee is developing targeted initiatives to build stakeholder buy-in.

- The subcommittee provided recommendations to the council, who then adopted the following;
  - Council tasks BAS with conducting further research and determining opportunities for outreach utilizing newly received grant funds.
    - Motion to approve – Jessie Cannizzaro
    - Second – Mike Wagner
    - Motion Passed
  - The council affirmed formal support for the issue through the following statement – "The council supports sponsors providing mental health training and resources for apprentices."
    - Motion to approve – Jessie Cannizzaro
    - Second – Chrystal Seeley-Schreck
    - Motion Passed
  - Council tasks BAS with performing additional outreach to stakeholders regarding the topic of mental health training for apprentices.
    - Motion to approve – Cheyenne Foster
    - Second – Rob Giese
    - Motion Passed

7. Wisconsin Technical College Update

Chrystal Seeley Schreck provided an update to the council.

- Enrollment update
- New program highlights
- Tools of the trade
- Annual Joint BAS-WTCS Meeting
- Upcoming Apprenticeship Curriculum Review Cycle
- Upcoming Apprenticeship Direct Instruction Support Grants

8. Youth Apprenticeship Update

Director Polk provided an overview of the status of the YA program

- Bridging numbers
- YA program updates
- Upcoming reductions in YA funding.

9. Certified Pre-Apprenticeship Update

- Jesse Gitter provided CPA updates including programs that have been recently certified.
- Reviewed participation numbers
- Committee members noted several concerns regarding current CPA programming requirements
  - Low matriculation rates (%14)
  - Sponsor concerns with decreasing ROI from CPA participation.
  - CPA participant quality concerns.
  - Concerns related to programs only existing due to receipt of funding support and not actual sponsor need.
  - The number of programs requesting letters of support for funding purposes.

- A motion was made to refer this topic to the A&O subcommittee to review current CPA data and provide recommendations for updates to the CPA program.
    - First – Rob Giese
    - Second Mike Wagner
    - Motion carried

10. Quality Assurance Division

- No report

11. Grant Updates

- Director Polk provided an update on existing grants that BAS has received.
    a. State apprenticeship expansion formula funding (round 3 and 4)
    b. Community projects grant

12. Other topics from the Director or Council members

- The committee discussed the topic of reciprocity requirements for programs approved in other states or by DOL. There is no specific definition of this term and the council discussed taking steps to define the term specific to Wisconsin and set a process for reviewing out of state programming that can be added to the WI apprenticeship manual.
- A motion was made to refer this topic to the policies and standards subcommittee.
    - Motion by - Rob Giese
    - Second Mike Wagner
    - Motion carried
- The committee discussed the existing ratio language and its impact on current projects and impact on sponsors ability to meet workforce needs. BAS will set this as a topic for next council meeting.

13. Public Comment (limited to agenda items)

none

14. Advisory Council 2026 Meeting Dates

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15. Adjourn: 12:59
Motion: Rob Giese
Second: Cheyenne
Meeting Adjourned