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Arborist Apprenticeship State Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attend In-Person: MATC Mequon Campus
5555 Highland Rd, Mequon, WI 53092 Room A203

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

Teams Meeting ID: 239 099 153 973 1 | Passcode: yo78mr3E

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. **Updated Job Book**
 - b. **Madison College Program Introduction**
 - c. **Mental Health Training for Apprentices**
6. **Director's Call Discussion**
7. **WTCS Update**
8. **Other Discussion Items**
9. **Review Program Participants**
10. **Set Next Meeting Date/Time**
11. **Adjourn**

Draft Meeting Minutes Nick Abbott

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1. Call Meeting to Order

- Note Who: August Hoppe
- Note Time: 10:01 am

2. Introductions and Record Attendees (in table above)

3. Review Roster

- Note any Changes: Introduced Danell Vance and Trevor Novacek as new members. Danell is replacing Randy Krouse now that Randy has retired.
- Appointment of new co-chair - August Hoppe nominated Tim Harris, Trevor Novacek 2nd. Tim Harris appointed new co-chair of committee.

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- Note any Changes: N/A
- Motioned to Approve made by: Tim Harris
- Seconded Motion made by: Ben Reince

5. Specific Committee Items for Discussion (Public Comment)

- *No specific items for discussion.*

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 went over what schools are approved to provide PRI in WI at this time. Discussed ongoing interest in adding Madison College and realistic timeline for doing so.*

8. Other Discussion Items

Draft Industry Guidebook

- *BAS provided feedback recommending that the guidebook content be incorporated into the Arborist Job Book instead.*
- *Motion to approve: Trevor Novacek (1st), Tim Harris (2nd) – Motion passed unanimously.*

OCI CPA Summary

- *Liz Pusch provided an overview of DOC apprenticeship programs, including a pre-apprenticeship program specifically designed for Arborists.*

Exhibit A – Special Provisions Review

- *The committee reviewed the Special Provisions section of Exhibit A to clarify the pesticide applicator license requirement.*
- *It was confirmed that the current language is general and allows for any type of pesticide applicator license.*

9. Review program participants

- Note Questions/Comments: *Liz Pusch provided recruitment numbers, no questions or discussion.*

10. Set Next Meeting Date/Time

- Note Next Meeting: Plan is @ Gateway – 10am 5/6/25 if agenda items warrant.

11. Adjourn

- Note Time: 10:52am
- Motion to Adjourn made by: Tim Harris
- Motion Seconded by: Dannell Vance



This summary counts employers and apprentices, between 3/1/2025 and 3/1/2026 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	94	22	23.4	12	12.8	1	1.1	93	98.9	19	1	5.3	18	94.7
Arborist (37-3013.00)	94	22	23.4	12	12.8	1	1.1	93	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: 03/04/2026		
Run Date: 03/04/2026		
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

