

## **Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee December 2021 Meeting Minutes**

For a complete record of the meeting, attached is the link to the audio recording.

Meeting called to order at 12:31 pm on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Chairwoman Breashears (via Zoom)

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Greg Aleshire, Karen Breashears, Nanci Caillouet, Kathy Fulks, Bill Roachell, and David Stephens

**Absent:** Kelley Sharp

**Guest:** Reuben Gage, AJ Hart, Beth Barclay, Dona Lyon, Derrick Daniels-OSD, Brittany Eddebuttel, Mark McManus-OSD, David Wallace-OSD, Randy Prather-USDOL, Rocky Mantooh-OSD, Sheri Overstreet, Dr. Hamby-OSD, and OSD Director Waits

### **Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:**

-There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve the minutes from the October meeting as presented. Motion passed.

### **U.S. DOL-OA, Mr. Prather reported:**

#### **Begins at the 2:15 minute mark**

-National Apprenticeship Week-Arkansas had 34 registered events, which was an increase over last year!!

-A new program was approved this morning. Tool and Die Maker at ASU Searcy

Active Programs 122

Apprentices 7422

New Apprentices 293

Suspended 4  
Cancellations 286  
Completed Apprentices 61  
Employers 739

**\*\*These numbers are based on 10-1-21 start date\*\***

- Chairwoman Breashears asked if the high number of cancellations was normal for this time of year. Mr. Prather stated that normally there will be a bump in cancellations at the semester, however there had been a large project in Northwest Arkansas completed and that might explain it.
- There will be 28 compliance visits this year. Emails will be sent out in advance.

**Mark McManus reported:**

**Begins at the 6:30 minute mark**

- OSD hosted a virtual, growing talent through apprenticeship, healthcare-based employer forum on November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
136 participants registered for the event.
- The video launched during National Apprenticeship Week it can be viewed on YouTube.

**OSD-OA, Mr. Mantooth reported:**

**Begins at the 13:00 minute mark**

- Introduced Derrick Daniels as the new program advisor. Welcome Derrick.
- Amount of TA funds sent out \$475,505.50 thru the end of October.
- Amount of CT funds approved to date \$257,004.61 and of that \$232,729.00 has been disbursed. See attached list of disbursements

**DF&A Apprenticeship Tax Credit:**

- Tax credit- DF&A was not represented at this meeting. Discussion of the possible employer tax credit can be heard at the **16:00 minute mark** of the recording.

### **NWA Build My Future:**

- Special guest Brian McHaney, with Multi-Craft, gave the committee a brief overview of what they are hoping to get started in Northwest Arkansas.
- Chairwoman Breashears stated that ACE, NATF, NWA Plumbing will be presenting the CT application, when the time comes.
- Several of the committee members had questions for Mr. McHaney.
- The entire discussion of can be heard starting at the **23:00 minute mark** of the recording.

### **CT Applications:**

#### **Full discussions of the CT Applications begin at the 1:00:45 minute mark**

- CT-22-20201; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$1,416.95 Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.
- CT-22-20202; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$17,684.55 Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained
- CT-22-20203; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$28,277.00 Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.
- CT-22-20204; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$5,579.95 Motion Passed. Kathy Fulks abstained.
- CT-22-20205; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$524.85 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20206; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$1,365.75 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20207; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$1,708.51 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20208; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$1,322.28 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20209; There was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$1,822.30 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20210; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$1,034.89 Motion Passed.

### **Future Meetings:**

- There was a discussion of returning to in-person meetings each month. Director Waits stated that the meeting can be held both virtually and in-person, with the

in-person portion taking place in the conference room at the Department of Commerce. Use of the conference room would depend on the number of members wanting to attend in-person.

**Other Business:**

-Chairwoman Breashears stated that the electrical board has sent out an email letting programs know that they will not be able to register new apprentices between December 1, 2021 and January 8, 2022.

-Chairwoman Breashears stated that the plumbing code has been updated to the 2018 code. The committee will need to meet again to discuss how we want to go about purchasing the appropriate code books for plumbing apprentices.

-After a brief discussion it was decided the committee would meet again on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to look at the best options for purchasing the required plumbing code books.

-Rocky announced that he will be retiring at the end of December. Thank you for all everything you have done to further apprenticeship in Arkansas. You will be missed by us all.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm via Zoom, unless otherwise notified,

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire  
Secretary, AACSC

FY22	Active Programs	# New Apprentices	Total Apprentices	Suspended	Canx	Completed	Employers
	11/1/2021	122	147	7566	4	50	732
	1-Dec	122	293 146+	7422 144-	4	286 236+	739
	1/1/2022						
	2/1/2022						
	3/1/2022						
	4/1/2022						
	5/1/2022						
	6/1/2022						
	7/1/2022						
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