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Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee

July 11, 2024

Meeting Commence

Chairman Kelley Sharp called the meeting to order July 11, 2024, at 12:30 CST.

Roll Call

Present:

Heath Harris

Bill Roachell

Kelley Sharp

Ed Carrington

David Stephens

Dr. Zach Harber

Dr. Cathy Riggins

Tracey Chambers

Aaron Chastain

ABSENT

Guest In Attendance

Derrick Daniel, OSD

Tondra Love – Central AR

Lashanda Owens- WAAP

John Kuznar- US DOL

Crystal Cornell- LR JATC

Kimberely Moore- ABC

Jeanette Smith, Eagle Electric

Lori McKenzie- Jonesboro JATC

Approval of Minutes: 1:27

A motion was made by Dr. Zach Harber and seconded by Ed Carrington to approve the minutes as presented from the June 6, 2024, meeting. Motion passed.

DOL Report: 2:09

John Kuznar, Director, shared a report concerning his recent attendance at the State DESE Conference. He stressed the need to “grow our own” and keep talent in the Arkansas workforce system.

OSD Report: 12:23

Derrick Daniels reported that there were 56 programs funded in the 2024 fiscal year. The total year end pay out for TA was \$1,609,894.63, leaving a balance of \$1,561.37. Derrick shared the number of completions for FY24 as follows: Electrician Journeyman- 351, Electrician RJ-98, Plumber-182, Iron Worker-1, Carpenter, Millwright, and Pipefitter-0. The starting balances for FY25 are: TA - \$1,611,456.00 and CT- \$800,000.00.

Discussion of Apprenticeship Program Guidelines: 15:56

No additional discussion was taken from the committee concerning funding guidelines.

Informational: 16:45

Information was provided concerning the upcoming Apprenticeship in Arkansas Annual Program Sponsor Training. Training Date: July 17, 2024, Location: ABC, Time 9:30 a.m.

Physical Year 25 Forms: 23:29

Derrick Daniels presented the FY25 forms to the committee. A motion was made by Aaron Chastain and seconded by Dr. Cathy Riggins to accept the forms as presented. Derrick also gave an update on FY25 MOU collection and training status of funded programs.

Open Discussion: 55:29

Aaron Chastain requested the agenda concerning the upcoming July 17th training.

Next Meeting 58:21

The minutes from this meeting will be submitted by Dr. Riggins prior to the next meeting to be held on August 1, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Zach Harber and seconded by Aaron Chastain to adjourn. Motion passed.