

Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee
March 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm on March 4th, by Chairwoman Breashears (via GoToMeeting)

Roll Call:

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

Guest:

Cassie Burris, Patricia Sanderson, Reuben Gage, Sherri Overstreet, Tondra Love, David Wallace, and Amy Martindill

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion by David Stephens and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed.

New Business:

-CT Grants- all motions are for the OSD recommended amounts.

-CT-21-20150 - motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet. Motion passed. David Stephens abstained.

-CT-21-20151- motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by David Stephens. Motion passed.

-CT-21-20152- motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks. Motion passed.

-CT-21-20153- motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet. Motion passed. David Stephens abstained.

-CT-21-20154- motion by David Stephens and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet. Motion passed. Kathy Fulks abstained.

- CT-21-20155- motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by David Stephens. Motion passed. Kathy Fulks abstained.
- CT-21-20156 - motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire. Motion passed. Kathy Fulks abstained.
- CT-21-20157 – motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by David Stephens. Motion passed. Kathy Fulks abstained.
- CT-21-20158 – motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet. Motion passed
- CT-21-20159 – motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks. Motion passed.

-There was a discussion of the proposed new legislation HB1553. After a meeting with the main writer of the bill, Director Waits and Bill Roachell are hopeful that the bill will be amended to exclude both electrical and plumbing.

-There was a discussion of the proposed new legislation being put forth by the Office of Skills Development. There have been a couple of changes made and they are expecting the bill to be filed today or tomorrow. If so, it should be in committee by the middle of next week.

Anyone interested in reviewing either of these drafts or reviewing this or any of our virtual meetings, contact Rocky at rocky.mantooth@arkansas.gov

Mark McManus Report:

- The Southeast workforce board will be having an outreach event on March 18th.
- There is a movement in several states to “certified” programs offering Pre-Apprenticeship, OSD is looking into ways Arkansas could benefit for this as well.
- In the near future there is the possibility of federal grants that OSD will apply for.

State Apprenticeship Office (SAO): Reported by Rocky Mantooth

- Both the Traditional and Construction funds are on the right track for where we are in the fiscal year.
- March 15th is the deadline for CT grant applications.
- 236 Reports will be due on June 4th !!

-New plumbing code books will hopefully be available in 2022

US DOL Office of Apprenticeship, Reported by Mr. Prather:

**** programs need to take care of their overdue apprentices in rapids****

Registered Programs-137

Active Programs-121

Apprentices- 6789

New Apprentices- 923

Suspended- 8

Cancellations-498

Completed Apprentices- 174

Employers- 705

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:42pm

****Anyone wanting to review this or any of this board's previous virtual meetings, please contact Rocky at rocky.mantooth@arkansas.gov**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1st at 12:30pm (Location to be determined)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire
Secretary,
AACSC