

Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee November 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Kelley Sharp and David Stephens

Guest: Reuben Gage, AJ Hart, Beth Barclay, Iliana Sutton, Brittany Eddebuttel, Casey Long, Jessica Rohlman, Tondra Love, Mark McManus-OSD, David Wallace-OSD, Randy Prather-USDOL, Rocky Mantooth-OSD, Sheri Overstreet, Patricia Sanderson, Dr. Hamby-OSD, and OSD Director Waits

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:

-There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks to approve the minutes from the October meeting as presented. Motion passed.

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

Begins at the 2:20 minute mark

-November 15th – 19th is National Apprenticeship Week. Please register any and all events you have planned, on the website.

-Referred to the recording of last month's minutes and wanted to make clear that USDOL-OA does not want, nor try, to take any credit for the growth of apprenticeship in the state. Regarding last years growth, of the 3008 new apprentices, 2,764 were in construction, 161 in IT, and 83 in manufacturing.

-Stated that Mark and Rocky have been really good about inviting him to meetings with possible new programs, employers, etc.

-Reiterated that apprenticeship in this state is a total team effort.

Active Programs 122

Apprentices 7566

New Apprentices 147

Suspended 4

Cancellations 50

Completed Apprentices 36

Employers 732

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

-8:03 minute mark. Kathy Fulks stated that in an October meeting with Secretary Preston, OSD had referenced 13 employers/companies currently waiting to get their standards approved. Mr. Prather stated that OSD has weekly expansion meetings and there are 64 different entities talking with them about apprenticeship. Currently there are no entities waiting on USDOL-OA approval. Some are working on getting their standards in order. None have completed applications and are waiting.

-Kathy Fulks asked if he was in talks with these entities to assist them through the process. Mr. Prather said yes.

Mark McManus reported:

Begins at the 10:15 minute mark

-OSD will be hosting a virtual healthcare employer forum on November 15th. Close to 100 people have pre-registered.

-The video, that has been in the works with Arkansas PBS, will feature six different employers from various areas in the state. Hopefully, it will be ready in time for National Apprenticeship Week. Once it is ready, OSD will send out a link for everyone to see it.

OSD-OA, Mr. Mantoath reported:

Begins at the 14:00 minute mark

-Amount of TA funds sent out \$310,892.50 thru the end of September.

- Amount of CT funds approved to date \$215,213.88 and of that \$136,241.63 has been disbursed. See attached list of disbursements.
- Schools are doing a great job of keeping up with their paperwork and receipts.
- With the end of the semester fast approaching, please be mindful of the dates to remember.

-15:30 minute mark. Director Waits discussed his response letter to last months committee action. He will be re-looking at the motion that was passed and making sure his letter matches the motion. A copy of his original letter was sent out to members following last months meeting.

-17:04 minute mark. Nanci Caillouet stated that during the meeting with Secretary Preston, the Secretary asked for a cost benefit analysis. She went on to ask if OSD had began working on that. Director Waits stated that they have not began that process because at this time there is zero cost to transition.

-18:50 minute mark. NWA Build My Future Grant Application. Director Waits reported on conversations OSD has had with contractors in the Northwest Arkansas area regarding Build My Future. You can google Build My Future Springfield, Missouri for look at what this could bring to Northwest Arkansas. There was a discussion about the possibility of the AACSC using outreach and education funds to assist. Attached are the documents Bill Roachell emailed to the committee, which includes sponsorship and exhibitor forms.

CT Applications:

Full discussions of the CT Applications begin at the 27:50 minute mark

- CT-22-20194; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$ 949.20 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20195; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$1,302.00 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20196; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$5,229.72 Motion Passed. Bill Roachell abstained.
- CT-22-20197; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$7,398.56 Motion Passed.
- CT-22-20198; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$2,911.25 Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20199; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$12,000.00 Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20200; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$12,000.00 Motion Passed.

-DF&A was scheduled to attend and give a presentation about the Apprenticeship Tax Credit, however they did not make the meeting.

-40:52 minute mark. National Apprenticeship Week November 15th thru 19th-

-Nanci Caillouet stated that WAPDD has something going on each day.

westernarkansasworks.com is the website to check it out.

-Randy Prather stated that the NAW map shows 17 or 18 events but there will be many more to come.

-Rocky stated that any one associated with apprenticeship can get \$5 off their greens fees at Hickory Creek Golf Course during that week. Just let the person at the counter know that you are a student or teacher.

-Chairwoman Breashears asked if there was any news on the replacement for Ron Baker. Director Waits stated that someone has been hired and they will start on November 15th.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd @ 12:30pm (via Zoom)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire
Secretary, AACSC

