



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee
February 28, 2020
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Tunxis Community College
271 Scott Swamp Road
Farmington, CT 06032

The meeting for Apprenticeship and Education was held on February 28, 2020. The meeting convened at 2:07 p.m. and the following members were present:

Present: Dr. James Lombella, Co-chair, Northwest Regional President, CT Community Colleges
Dr. Melissa Hickey, Co-chair, Connecticut State Department of Education
Margaret Van Cott, Executive Assistant to the Three Regional Presidents
Richard Dupont, Housatonic Community College
Alyce Stiles, CCAT
Cristina Stisser, CTECS
Juliette Khan, CT Department of Labor
Cyndi Zoldy, Small Manufacturers Association of CT and Women in Manufacturing
Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University
Mary Bidwell, Interim Dean of Advanced Manufacturing
Dr. Karen Birch, State Director, Connecticut College of Technology
Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools, Derby Public Schools
Sonia Dinnall, Hartford Public Schools
Daniel Carroll, Goodwin Magnet School

Absent: Tracy Ariel, Manchester and Middlesex Community Colleges
Kathy Marioni, CETC
Todd Berch, Connecticut Department of Labor

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes with no changes, edits, or deletion done by Rich Dupont, seconded by Cyndi Zoldy. All in favor. All new members abstained.

III. Membership

Discussion of members needed and names that were put forth to the committee. The committee voted on two names. Motion was made by Melissa Hickey to accept the two people discussed. Seconded by Rich Dupont. All in favor. No abstained.

Discussion of members that need to be invited to the meetings. Melissa Hickey and Rich Dupont will work together to come up with a few names of principals to share with committee for consideration. Kathy Marioni has requested suggestions from DECD. We will follow-up on this topic at the next meeting.

IV. Presentation of Current Model of Practice

Dr. Karen Birch, State Director, CT College of Technology and Mary Bidwell, Interim Dean of Advanced Manufacturing from Asnuntuck presented to the committee regarding The College of Technology and Manufacturing in Connecticut.

V. Other Topics

- A. Proposed Timeline for the analysis report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, higher education, and workforce development and labor and public employees of whether current apprenticeship training programs available to CT residents are meeting workforce needs.
 - 1. March 10, 2020
 - a. Define apprenticeship/pre-apprenticeships
 - b. Identify programs available
 - c. Share current existing data relevant to analyzing current apprenticeship programs meeting workforce needs concerns and challenges
 - 2. March 26, 2020
 - a. Look at data and gaps
 - b. Create survey---identify concerns and challenges
 - 3. April 2020
 - a. Send out Surveys
 - b. Focus groups (meeting invites)
 - 4. May
 - a. Analyze/Review Data
 - b. Write Report
 - 5. June: Send Report to State Agencies for Review
- B. Proposed agenda items for March 10, 2020

- C. Discussion of dates for the next two meetings
 - 1. March 10, 2020, 2pm-4pm, Goodwin University
 - 2. March 26, 2020, Department of Labor

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m. Rich Dupont motioned the adjournment and Alyce Stiles seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstained.

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