



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee

January 11, 2021

2:00 p.m.-4 p.m.

WebEx-Call in

The meeting for Apprenticeship and Education was held on January 11, 2021, via WebEx. The meeting convened at 2:06 p.m. and the following members were present:

Present: Dr. James Lombella, Co-chair, Northwest Regional President, CT Comm. Colleges
Dr. Melissa Hickey, Co-chair, Connecticut State Department of Education
Margaret Van Cott, Executive Assistant to the Regional Presidents
Todd Berch, Connecticut Department of Labor
Karen Woscyna-Birch, CT COT/TxCC
Lawrence Covino, Adult Education-Bristol Preparatory Academy
Matthew Conway, Derby Public Schools
Tracy Ariel, Manchester and Middlesex Community Colleges
Cristina Stisser, CTECS
Kathy Marioni, CETC
Roxanne Amiot, CTECS Bullard-Havens Tech
Mary Bidwell, Asnuntuck/Tunxis Community College
Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University

Absent: Juliette Khan, CT Department of Labor

Alyce Stiles, CCAT
Sonia Dinnall, Hartford Public Schools
Beth Trenchard, Department of Economics and Community Development
Cyndi Zoldy, Small Manufacturers Assoc. of CT and Women in Manufacturing
Richard Dupont, Housatonic Community College
Jack Traver, Traver IDC

I. Call to Order-Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes with no changes, edits, or deletion by Larry Covino, seconded by Matt Conway. All in favor, no one abstained.

III. Workgroup Updates

- A. July 1, 2021 report: Melissa Hickey sent a draft to the workgroup. Kathy Marioni will write material to be added to the report pertaining to the Governor's Workforce Council.
- B. Update Best Practices Guide: The group met to review the current guide and determine areas to be refreshed, enhanced, and reviewed. Additional sectors (e.g., insurance, health care, financial technology, biotechnology, STEM, construction trades, and hospitality industries) will be added. Members Larry Covino, Cliff Thermer, and Matthew Conway shared updates. Roxanne Amiot will join this group. Roxanne suggested two names to assist in best practice models- Pat Ciarleglio, CTECS Adult Education and apprentice consultant and Community College Committee and Dan Fuller, Gateway CC Automotive Technology Department Chair. Further conversations will occur during the Best Practices Guide workgroup meetings.

IV. Other Topics

Next meeting will be March 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., via WebEx. The Connecticut State Department of Education, Academic Office, CTE Unit will update the Committee on ongoing Student Success Plan refresh work.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.