



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee

May 20, 2020

1:00 p.m.-3 p.m.

Web-Ex-Call in

The meeting for Apprenticeship and Education was held on May 20, 2020, via WebEx-audio only. The meeting convened at 1:04 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 Regional Presidents  
Todd Berch, Connecticut Department of Labor  
Alyce Stiles, CCAT  
Cristina Stisser, CTECS  
Kathy Marioni, CETC  
Tracy Ariel, Manchester and Middlesex Community Colleges  
Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University  
Roxanne Amiot, CTECS Bullard-Havens Tech.  
Mary Bidwell, Asnuntuck/Tunxis Community College  
Karen Woscyna-Birch, CT COT/TxCC  
Sonia Dinnall, Hartford Public Schools  
Lawrence Covino, Adult Education-Bristol Preparatory Academy  
Beth Trenchard, Department of Economics and Community Development  
Richard Dupont, Housatonic Community College

Absent: Cyndi Zoldy, Small Manufacturers Association of CT and Women in Manufacturing  
Juliette Khan, CT Department of Labor  
Matthew Conway, Derby Public Schools

Guest: Sylvia Shephard, Social Venture Partners

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes with no changes, edits, or deletion done by Todd Berch, seconded by Tracy Ariel. All in favor.

**III. Welcome New Members and Membership Discussion**

Welcomed two new members: Beth Trenchard-Motion and Lawrence Covino

**IV. Presentations on Current Practices**

Roxanne Amiot introduced members to the CTECS Automotive program. She will give a visual presentation at next meeting. Todd Berch and Melissa Hickey updated the Committee on the report status.

**V. Other Topics**

**A. Survey**

- i. Committee will develop a survey to assist in the analysis of whether current apprenticeship training programs available to Connecticut residents are meeting workforce needs. The Committee shall send the survey to members of the manufacturing, insurance, health care, financial technology, biotechnology, STEM, construction, hospitality, and any other appropriate industry to coordinate and identify potential modern pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs.
- ii. Motion to create a Survey Workgroup was made by Dr. Lombella, moved by Rich Dupont and seconded by Karen Birch. All in favor, no member abstained.
- iii. Survey workgroups members: Todd Berch, Karen Birch, Rich Dupont, Larry Covino, Alice Stiles.

**B. Meetings Dates**

- i. June 3, 2020, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. WebEx with Video  
Roxanne Amiot to give visual presentation. Todd Berch will invite Insurance Sector to present. Karen Birch will invite Eric Brown.
- ii. June 17, 2020, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. WebEx with Video

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. Rich Dupont motioned the adjournment and Karen W. Birch seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstained.