

Governor's Council on Women and Girls

Subcommittee on Education & STEAM

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 3:00 PM

Microsoft TEAMs Virtual Meeting

- I. **Welcome**
 - a. Paul S. Lavoie (Connecticut's Chief Manufacturing Officer and Committee Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.
- II. **CT Women in Manufacturing Advisory Council Update**
 - a. Connecticut Women Manufacturing Advisory Council rebranded as Elevate HER Connecticut Women Manufacturing Advisory Council. This group's mission is to elevate and support women's careers in STEM, identify barriers in the field and provide solutions through addressing areas concerning Development, Environment, and Networking (DEN). First meeting sponsored and hosted by Slalom. The council is open to everyone and appeals to students in high school and college.
- III. **Million Women Mentor Update**
 - a. Creation and anticipated launch of a mentorship database that allows for matchmaking between millions of mentors and mentees interested in pursuing careers in STEM.
- IV. **Computing Challenge 2024 Update**
 - a. 2024 Computing Challenge is in full swing and has reached more students already in comparison to the 2023 Computing Challenge. Over 150 applications have been submitted and/or started.
 - b. Code Joy sessions have been in effect, and there have been 79 different student sessions that reached over 2300 students across the state.
- V. **Announcements**
 - a. Introduction of Anthony Barrett (In charge of EIA at the Office of Workforce Strategy) seeks to continue working alongside the committee to give and promote opportunities to underrepresented and disadvantaged areas of Connecticut; especially in STEM.
- VI. **Upcoming Events/Deadlines**
 - i. Computing Challenge 2024 Award Ceremony at Hartford Innovation & Tech Hub –June 4th, 2024
- VII. **Upcoming Meeting Dates**
 - i. Computing Challenge Committee- Weekly on Tuesdays, 11:30 am
 - ii. CoWaG Education and STEAM Subcommittee Meeting - May 22nd, 2024, August 21st, 2024, and November 13th, 2024
- VIII. **Adjournment**
 - a. Lavoie adjourned the meeting at 3:24 pm.