

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee
March 10, 2020
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Goodwin University
1 Pent Road
East Hartford, CT

The meeting for Apprenticeship and Education was held on March 10, 2020. The meeting convened at 2:11 p.m. and the following members were present:

Present: Dr. James Lombella, Co-chair, Northwest Regional President, CT

Community Colleges

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 Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University

Mary Bidwell, Interim Dean of Advanced Manufacturing

Roxanne, Amiot, CTECS Bullard-Havens

Todd Berch, Connecticut Department of Labor

Dr. Karen Birch, State Director, CT College of Technology

Absent: Dr. Melissa Hickey, Co-chair, Connecticut State Department of

Education

Tracy Ariel, Manchester and Middlesex Community Colleges

Kathy Marioni, CETC

Cyndi Zoldy, Small Manufacturers Association of CT and Women

in Manufacturing

Matthew Conway, Superintendent of Schools, Derby Public Schools

Sonia Dinnall, Hartford Public Schools

Guest: Thomas Dzimian, German American Chamber of Commerce

Dan Carroll, Goodwin Magnet School

Suzanne Loud, CSDE

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2020

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

III. Membership

- A. Discussion of focus group members and eight names were put forth to the committee. The committee voted. Motion was made by Todd Berch to accept the people discussed. Seconded by Karen Birch. All in favor. No abstained.
- B. Discussion on new members: 3 names were accepted.
 - 1. Jack Traver-Motion made by Todd Berch, seconded by Cliff Thermer, all in favor, no one abstained.
 - 2. Beth Trenchard-Motion made by Todd Berch, seconded by Karen Birch, all in favor, no one abstained.
 - 3. Lawrence Covino-Motion made by Cliff Thermer, seconded by Cristina Stisser, all in favor, no one abstained.

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. Analysis Work

- A. Todd Berch led a conversation including the definition of apprenticeship/preapprenticeships, identifying programs, and sharing current existing data.
- B. Committee voted to accept the definition of apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeships put forward by Todd Berch. Motion to approve made by Rich Dupont, seconded by Cliff Thermer. All in favor, Todd Berch abstained.

V. Presentation of Current Model

Thomas Dzimian presented on the European apprenticeship training model

VI. Other Topics

- A. Upcoming Presentation Topics and Speakers for April meeting
 - 1. Roxanne Amiot: CT programs (20 mins)
 - 2. Focus Group-invite the group-Cliff Thermer and Todd Berch will contact Kate Bolduc, Jodi Greespan, and Meredith Messenger.
 - 3. For March 26, 2020 meeting: Rich Dupont will contact Carley Carbone Westminster School. Cliff Thermer bring guest speaker to discuss mentoring.
- B. Meetings Dates

March 26, 2020, 1pm to 3pm at the Department of Labor-Mentoring April 15, 2020, 1pm to 3pm at Tunxis Community College

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. Rich Dupont motioned the adjournment and Mary Bidwell seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstained.