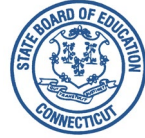




STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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.