



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee  
November 9, 2020  
1:00 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Web-Ex-Call in

The meeting for Apprenticeship and Education was held on November 9, 2020, via WebEx. The meeting convened at 1:09 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  
Beth Trenchard, Department of Economics and Community Development  
Matthew Conway, Derby Public Schools  
Cyndi Zoldy, Small Manufacturers Assoc. of CT and Women in Manufacturing  
Tracy Ariel, Manchester and Middlesex Community Colleges  
Richard Dupont, Housatonic Community College  
Cristina Stisser, CTECS  
Kathy Marioni, CETC

Absent: Juliette Khan, CT Department of Labor  
Mary Bidwell, Asnuntuck/Tunxis Community College  
Alyce Stiles, CCAT  
Roxanne Amiot, CTECS Bullard-Havens Tech  
Sonia Dinnall, Hartford Public Schools  
Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University

**I. Call to Order-Roll Call**

**II. Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2020**

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

- III. Review Charges per Act Establishing the Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education**  
Committee A. July 1, 2021 report B. Update Best Practices Guide to include additional sectors (e.g., insurance, health care, financial technology, biotechnology, STEM, construction trades and hospitality industries)
- IV. Select Workgroup Members to Address Legislated Charges**  
Two separate groups were formed: Best Practices Work Group chaired by Todd Berch and Report Work Group (chair still needed)
- V. Determine Next Steps**  
Work groups will meet separately November through December 2020 and report-out at next Committee meeting in January 2021. Committee discussed braiding the work of this Committee with the work of the Governor’s Workforce Council.
- VI. Other Topics**  
Next meeting will be January 11, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. via Web Ex.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.