

**Kentucky Apprenticeship Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Hybrid Meeting @ Mayo Underwood Building and via Zoom
Media was notified, and a Zoom link was posted on Education & Labor Cabinet Website
Calendar

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council met Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Steve Willinghurst @ 9:07 AM.

Roll Call

Roll call of apprenticeship council members taken by Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services (OEAS) Deputy Executive Director Tim Wireman

Steve Willinghurst
Retired Registered Apprenticeship Training Director
Electricians
Louisville, KY

Brian Gupton
CEO
Data Seam
Louisville, KY

Jennifer Lindon
President
Hazard Community & Technical College
Hazard, KY

Robert Walker
Attorney
Louisville, KY

Chuck Graham
Retired Registered Apprenticeship Training Director
Plumbers & Pipefitters
Louisville, KY

Rob Akin
Kentucky LECET
Lawrenceburg, KY

Update from the Office of Employer & Apprenticeship Services (OEAS)

Workforce Development Deputy Commissioner Michelle DeJohn updated council members on registered apprenticeship numbers, sectors of apprenticeship as well as demographics. Michelle updated the council on completed sponsor reviews, zero apprentices and reviews currently in progress. Michelle also asked OEAS Staff for updates from the field. Naomi Sutton and Jenni Hampton reported from their region.

TRACK

Mary Taylor, from CTE/TRACK provided an update to the council regarding youth apprenticeship week from the perspective of the TRACK program. Mary expressed her gratitude to the Education & Labor Cabinet for their support in purchasing educational outreach items

for CTE. Additionally, she provided a report on the TRACK numbers, highlighting the distinction between high school students preparing for apprenticeships and those currently employed in various capacities by employers. Mary mentioned that several KY agencies would be attending a conference in North Carolina focused on Health Care, where they would learn about the initiatives undertaken by other states in this sector. She also mentioned Rockcastle Regional Hospital as the flagship location for CTE's exploration of this industry. Lastly, Mary presented the assessment numbers for the 2024 TRACK pre-apprenticeship programs.

Apprenticeship Career Days across regions of Kentucky

OEAS staff members were asked to join, schedule permitting, because of the council proposed regional career days. Those present talked about career day events and venues that have been presented in their regions and events slated for 2024.

Michelle DeJohn provided updates on various apprenticeship events held in different counties across the regions of Kentucky. Council member Chuck Graham raised concerns that all sponsors did not receive an invitation to these events. He emphasized how crucial it is to make sure invitations to these events are sent to all sponsors. Chuck stressed how vital it is that our consultants, who have been with us for more than a year, are familiar with and actively involved with the partners in their area. In response, Michelle assured the council that the office would verify all sponsor addresses in RAPIDS.

Steve Willinghurst questioned the expenses associated with these events. Michelle explained that the apprenticeship grant covered the current expenses, but the remaining funds from the grant

had already been allocated for the year. However, she mentioned that efforts were being made to secure additional funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Steve also suggested these event dates and locations be added to the website.

OEAS Staff continued reporting about events and field work going on in the different regions of the state.

U.S. D O L Proposed Rulemaking Webinar

Regarding the U.S. DOL proposed rulemaking, Michelle reported the process was ongoing. Mary Taylor (TRACK) reported that she had submitted comments, and she disagreed with some of the proposals.

Goal Setting

Steve Willinghurst asked if OEAS had any needs the Council could help with and if there was any thoughts or plans on how to expend the additional monies OEAS has applied for if the application was approved. Michelle DeJohn explained the process of application and discussed where some of the money would be allocated and some ideas where money could be expended.

Discussion ensued with field staff about mentors and mentor training, and tracking software for apprenticeship sponsors. Michelle DeJohn explained that if technology is used two systems would be required and the problem is getting the systems to communicate or interact with each other. There was a considerable amount of discussion followed regarding tracking.

Next meeting of the Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council

The next Registered Apprenticeship Council meeting will be a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 9:00 AM (in-person and virtual by zoom) at the Mayo Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

CLOSING

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by: Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services