

**Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

Hybrid Meeting @ Mayo Underwood Building and via Zoom

Media was notified, and a Zoom link was posted on Education & Labor Cabinet Website Calendar

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**SUMMARY MINUTES**

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The Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council met Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Steve Willinghurst @ 9:05 AM.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call By Office of Employer & Apprenticeship Services Deputy Executive Director  
Tim Wireman showed members depicted in red absent:

Steve Willinghurst  
Retired Registered Apprenticeship Training Director  
Electricians  
Louisville, KY

Brian Gupton  
CEO  
Data Seam  
Louisville, KY

Jennifer Lindon Absent  
President  
Hazard Community & Technical College  
Hazard, KY

Robert Walker Absent  
Attorney  
Louisville, KY

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

Rob Akin  
Kentucky LECET  
Lawrenceburg, KY

**Update regarding Career & Technical Education:**

Chairman Willinghurst welcomed guest Beth Hargis (Associate Commissioner, Office of Career & Technical Education) to speak about funding for CTE/ATC centers across the Commonwealth. She talked about state operated ATC's and district operated CTE facilities. Ms. Hargis informed the Apprenticeship Council that they had received funding from the legislature in the last biennium budget that allowed them to fund all training facilities across the state. She went on to say the differences between state and local CTE centers is significant and previously there was no state funding allocated for the comprehensive High School and Middle School programs. She stressed the importance of this funding and encouraged

the Apprenticeship Council to support this funding so the work may continue. Ms. Hargis discussed the expense of training materials and staff to run these programs. She said they need testimonials from businesses stating the type of training provided by these programs is beneficial to their operations. She closed by saying the CTE group believes in apprenticeship as a solution to workforce painpoints and believes trained workers through apprenticeship will be productive for Kentucky businesses.

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

OEAS Executive Director Marty Hammons updated council members on registered apprenticeship numbers.

Mr. Hammons informed the Council that OEAS has hired four (4) new staff members. Mr. Hammons then answered various questions from the Council concerning overdue apprentices and referred to the Code of Federal Regulations when asked about sponsors with no apprentices, stating sponsors had one year after registration and graduation to put another apprentice into their program.

**Old Business**

Council members revisited recruiting efforts and training to meet current industry demand. The primary focus during this discussion was a career fair in Glendale, Kentucky and the need for employers and training institutions to frequently engage secondary institutions (High Schools) and possibly middle schools to inform students of opportunities.

Council members reiterated that recruiting efforts should be intensified. There was discussion about registered apprenticeship sponsors, in collaboration with OEAS and others, holding a career fair in Glendale for recruiting purposes. OEAS will bring this discussion to Education and Labor Cabinet leadership.

**New Business**

Council members discussed Building Trades Councils and Contractor Associations participating in career fairs as well. No decision made on this date.

**Next meeting of the Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council**

The next Registered Apprenticeship Council meeting will be a hybrid meeting on August 9, 2023, at 9:00 AM (in-person and virtual by zoom) at the Mayo Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, 1st Floor Room 133, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**CLOSING:**

The meeting was then adjourned @ 10:12 A.M.

Submitted by: Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services