

Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

SUMMARY MINUTES

The newly appointed/reappointed Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council members met virtually on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 via Zoom. Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services (OEAS) Deputy Executive Director Tim Wireman welcomed all new and returning Council members at 9:02 AM (EST).

COUNCIL MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Council members introduced themselves and stated their geographic location and the institution they represent. All council members were present:

Steve Willinghurst
Retired Registered Apprenticeship Training Director
Electricians
Louisville, KY

Robert Akin
Executive director
Labor Employer Cooperative Education Trust (LECET)
Laborers
Greensburg, 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

Deputy Secretary Beth Brinley

Education and Labor Cabinet Deputy Secretary Brinley said Apprenticeship is such a great way for Kentuckians to earn and learn and looks forward to expanding those opportunities. She appreciates the collaboration that has taken place over the years with the Registered Apprenticeship Council and looks forward to continuing that work and doing great things together.

Legal Counsel Scotty McFarlan, Review of General Open Meetings Requirements:

Scotty presented statues with some elaboration concerning open meetings requirements to Council members. The slide deck containing the statues for open meetings training is available at the following link:

https://kydev.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/t00000004X3h/a/8y000003p6Xq/fCC5iB7iHA_TtJKYQXcXZDwdRe_wptYBRr9PrAJ9c.6s

Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services Executive Director Updates:

OEAS Executive Director Michelle DeJohn reported on the number of registered apprenticeship sponsors, number of registered apprentices, demographics of the program, National Apprenticeship Week, OEAS Program Updates, www.kyworks.gov Website and Apprenticeship.gov. The presentation is downloadable at this link:

<https://kydev.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/t00000004X3h/a/8y000003oyuO/2uhQYUEss8wwwEXQOFyrH.lmPoFFNwJplXwgkkbMIng>

Selection of Registered Apprenticeship Council Chair:

Chuck Graham nominated Steve Willinghurst for Registered Apprenticeship Council Chair. Steve accepted the nomination. Tim Wireman asked if any Council member objected to this nomination and none was presented. At this time the meeting was turned over to Chairman Willinghurst.

Schedule of Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council Meetings:

Chairman Willinghurst asked if it would present a hardship to any member to have in-person meetings. Tim Wireman responded by saying it may present a challenge to Jennifer Lindon in Hazard but informed the Council of hybrid meeting capabilities. It was decided moving forward the Council will have hybrid meetings.

Consensus among Council members was to meet the 2nd Wednesday of February, May, August and November 2023.

Council Member Rob Akin presented the idea to move the meeting around the state to promote apprenticeship and invite local employers to learn about apprenticeship. The idea was well received and the Council decided to conduct the August 2023 meeting in Hazard at Hazard Community and Technical College by invitation from Dr. Jennifer Lindon, President. The next location is TBD by the Council.

Discussion

Discussion ensued on an Associate Degree in applied science framework and making the degree available to apprenticeship sponsors and apprentices as a foundation for pursuing a bachelor's degree if the apprentice chooses to do so. Further discussion followed on Work Ready Scholarships being made available to registered apprenticeship and potentially supporting an associate degree for individuals choosing to do so, as well as registered apprenticeship in general.

A motion was made by Council member Brian Gupton and properly seconded by Council member Robert Akin to advise Education and Labor Cabinet leadership of these possibilities.

CLOSING

The meeting was then adjourned by agreement of the members of the Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council.

Submitted by: Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services