

KANSAS APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – Virtual 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order: John Clark Chairman of Kansas Apprenticeship Council

Roll Call:

KAC Member

John Clark, Chairman – Training Director at Wichita Plumbers and Pipefitters

Matt Flerlage, Business Manager, Carpenters Association of Kansas and Missouri

Dr. Jennifer Seymour, Vice President - Vice President of Gen. Ed & Applied Tech, WSU, Andover, KS

Gene Sicard, Assistant Business Manager, IBEW 304, Topeka, KS

Tony Naylor – Training Director, Wichita Electrical JATC, Wichita, KS

Katy Reynolds – Chief Operating Officer, Greely County Health Services, Tribune, KS

Dr. Mark Johnson, Secretary – Professor of Workforce Development, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

Beverly Mortimer – Senior Vice President of Programming, Jobs for America’s Graduates

Neelima Parasker, President and CEO Snap IT Solutions, Overland Park, KS

Alise Martiny – International Vice President, Operative Plasterers, and Cement Masons’ MO

Department Staff

Shonda Atwater, Director of Internships and Apprenticeships

Courtney Goucher, Apprenticeship Program Manager

Laura Hoppas, Apprenticeship Healthcare Sector Coordinator

Tambra Miller, Apprenticeship MGF Sector Coordinator

Gideon Adjei, Apprenticeship IT Coordinator

Public

None were present

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tony Naylor ***moved to approve*** previous meeting minutes. ***Dr. Mark Johnson seconded. Motion carried***

Directors Report: Shonda Atwater

- Overdue apprentices in RAPIDS
 - 21 overdue apprentices down from 135 Q1 2023

- Overdue's to be completed by August 1st
- 473 new apprentices
- 47 new occupations
- 4,044 apprentices with KS address

- Program Reviews
 - KOA staff is meeting with Intelligent Partners every two weeks
 - Information has been shared with our partners to ensure they have what they need

- Legislature update
 - Budget – left with \$4,659.05
 - 2024 budget was submitted & approved – likely to be updated
 - KS Apprenticeship Act – signed into law July 1st
 - This Act will require proof of employment – W-2, ETA-671, paystub, verification letter
 - Working with KU on ROI study
 - Champion Pilot Project
 - KS SHRM
 - Dodge City EDC
 - Wyandotte County EDC
 - KS Farm Bureau
 - Washburn Tech

- KAC voting
 - Keep current method of voting on Teams Forms
 - Subcommittee on apprenticeship wages

- Grant update
 - SAE is closing June 30th
 - SAEI – successful progress
 - Roundtable events happening across the state in each region
 - Unions invited to each region
 - KAC members invited

- Patterson Grant
 - Hamilton-Ryker has 20 apprentices enrolled
 - This is successful

- Outreach and “Cool Stuff”
 - KSDE – Teacher educator apprenticeship program
 - KSBN – LPN/RN programs coming likely Q3/Q4 2023
 - Down Syndrome Innovations highlighted – a production video was sent to KOA to show how they work.

- They have 21 apprentices enrolled
 - All intermediaries are now listed on our website with contact information
 - Website will include all Local Workforce Boards and contact information
 - Website includes RAPIDS and Workhands information
 - TOA's no longer accepted
 - New information on KBOR-TEA
 - Developing apprenticeship programs and supporting existing programs through higher education
 - Nation Apprenticeship Week
 - November 14th – hoping to hold in Wichita – Location TBD
 - Branding is complete - #jobfromdayone
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Committee Report on strategic plan – none to report

New Business

- **Chairperson and Vice nominations**
 - Matt Flerlage made a motion to keep John Clark as Chairperson. Dr. Mark Johnson seconds – motion carried
 - Alise Martiny made a motion to keep Jennifer Seymour as Vice Chair. Dr. Mark Johnson seconds – motion carried
 - John Clark made a motion to keep Dr. Mark Johnson as Secretary. Tony Naylor seconds – motion carried
- Subcommittee for wages per zone
 - Tony Naylor volunteers to be Chair of subcommittee – Dr. Mark Jonson made a motion to make Tony Naylor Chair. John Clark & Matt Flerlage second – motion carried
 - Tony will get with Shonda to complete the committee
 - Vital to have geographically spread members across the state

Public Comment & Announcements

No public attending

Matt Flerlage Suggests a more solid funding mechanism. A discussion was held regarding grant funding and how grants end. Suggests a more solid funding mechanism.

- Discussion was held regarding new grants that have formula funding
 - Shonda suggests meeting with the Strategic Committee in July
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Q3/Q4 Meeting Date/Schedule:

September 12, 2023 - virtual

December 12th, 2023

Adjournment: John Clark

Dr. Mark Johnson moved to adjourn. Tony Naylor seconded meeting adjourned