

Meeting Minutes: Apprenticeship Advisory Board

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Date: January 16, 2024
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Minutes prepared by: Grace Ouellette
Location: Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry
443 Lafayette Road N
St. Paul, MN 55155

Attendance

Members Present:

Don Mullin, Chair
Mary Berg
Erin Larsen
Norma Miller
Dienna Sabol
Sophie Thaden
Melissa Stachovich
Tim Sturdivant
Sara T. Paul

Attendees:

Tom Aasheim
Dean Mills
Meghana Schroff
Jennifer Freeburg
Neil Stiller
Jon Boesche
Tim Garcia
Becky Brink
Ruth Taylor
Erin Young
Darcus Mitchell
Josiah Moore
Daniel Gillis
Betsy Adamson
Megan Fink
Jennifer Freeburg
Josiah Moore
Tim Garcia
Daniel Gillis
Randall B. Ohm

Attendees (cont.)

Megan Fink
Ed Cox
Nick Judge
Chris DeLaForest
Kimberly Johnson
Nick Judge
Lyla Brown
Carrie L. Pagel
Amy Johnson
Andy G. Galles
Rebecca Grundhoefer
Brian Gray
Mike Lovich
Becky Brink
Shannon Fiecke
Paul Nikstad
Leslie Philmon
Jeremy Parker
Grace Ouellette

1. The meeting was called to order by Don Mullin at 1:30 p.m.

- Welcome-Chair
- Erin Larsen took roll call-Chair directed the record reflect those members in attendance.
- New member Sara Paul was introduced.

2. Approval of Proposed Agenda

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the January 16, 2024, Apprenticeship Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

3. Approval of December 13, 2023, Board Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the December 13, 2023, board minutes.

4. Board Member Updates

- Board members provided updates on current apprenticeship-related initiatives they are involved in.
- Initiatives related to creating apprenticeship opportunities in the high schools and connecting prospective apprentices with Building Strong Communities.
- Applications for the pipe trades programs in Minneapolis were open and the Cement Masons and Plasterers hosted 17 third years students at their training facility.
- MREA is hosting more hands on-training for apprentices including and postsecondary institutions and difficulties around federal apprenticeship programs within the postal service were noted.

5. Child Care Aware of Minnesota Ratio Review

Erin Young, Child Care Aware of Minnesota

- Childcare Aware of Minnesota requested a program-specific ratio per Minn. Stat. Ch 178, Subd 5(3) for their early childhood education apprenticeship program.
- Request was made to change the ratio from 1:1, then 3:1 to 1:2 apprentices.

6. Board Discussion

- A motion was made, seconded, and moved to approve the 1 journeyworker to 2 apprentices program-specific ratio.

7. National Proposed Rule Making

Adam Case Office of General Counsel, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

- US DOL submitted national proposed rule making (NPRM) to the federal register on January 16, 2024 with an intended publication date of January 17, 2024.
- NPRM will be open for a 60-day public comment period.
- Key changes included updating definitions, eliminating SAA's ability to determine occupational suitability, expanding the qualifications of trainers and providers of instruction, and changing the deregistration process.

8. Apprenticeship Minnesota Program Updates

Erin Larsen Director of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor, and Industry

- Provided update on current apprenticeship data, including active apprentices, demographics of apprentices, registrations and completions.
- Provided update on federal MNSAEF grant activities and upcoming LEAP grant RFP

9. Board Discussion

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Apprenticeship Minnesota report.

10. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded, and moved to adjourn.