

Meeting Minutes: Apprenticeship Advisory Board

Approved minutes can be viewed at: <https://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/boards-and-councils/apprenticeship-advisory-board>.

Date: July 13, 2023
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

All Members Present:

Tim Sturdivant
Deon Clark
Erin Larsen
Melissa Stachovich
Norma Miller
Dienna Sabol
Tom Dicklich
Don Mullin
Sophie Thaden

Attendees:

Gary Larsen
Dan McGuire
Gary Thaden
Tom Aasheim
John Slama
Ginny Vasquez
Chris Favrea
Kim Schrupp
Marv Urial
Jeremy McConkey
Joe Palewicz
Josiah Moore
Rick Martagon
Christa Seaberg
Leslie Philmon
Jeremy Parker
John O’Phelan
Abdi Mohamad
Alex Liuzzi
LaRohn Latimer
Meghana Shroff

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.

2. Approval of Proposed Agenda

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the July 13, 2023, Apprenticeship Advisory Board Meeting Agenda.

3. Approval of April 13, 2023, Board Minutes

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

4. Board Member Updates

- Board members provided updates on current apprenticeship-related initiatives they are involved in.
- Initiatives included partnering with Building Strong Communities and school districts to promote apprenticeship opportunities and supporting programs that increase the number of women and people of color in line worker programs.

5. Program spotlight: K-12 educator apprenticeship

Alex Liuzzi, pre-BA Pathway Administrator, Minneapolis Public Schools

- Provided an overview of the K-12 educator apprenticeship program currently in development with a focus on elementary and special education licensure.
- School districts plan to enroll apprentices in Fall 2024.
- Apprentices will complete a bachelor's degree and a teachers' license.

6. Construct Tomorrow

Kim Schrupp, Co-Chair, Workforce Relations, Laborers Local 563

- Completed 2022-23 school year with 10 events.
- Schedule for 2023-24 school year will include a two-day event at the St. Paul River Center
- Program is currently searching for a new project coordinator.

7. Apprenticeship Coordinators Association of Minnesota

Tom Aasheim, ACAM President

- Last meeting held in April 2023.
- Annual golf tournament for the injured apprentices fund will be held in June.
- Making plans for State Fair booth.

8. Apprenticeship Minnesota

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

- Provided legislative overview of 2023 session.
 - Looking ahead to next session, Apprenticeship Minnesota will consider revisions to Chapter 178.
 - Apprenticeship Minnesota will host several listening sessions to gather feedback and ideas to expand apprenticeship.
- Provided update on Rapids transition. Transition to new database completed on June 7, 2023.
- Provided update on new federal grant award, MNSAEF. Apprenticeship Minnesota was awarded \$806,783 and the grants period of performance is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- Provided update on current apprenticeship data, including current active apprentices, demographics of apprentices, registrations, and completions.

9. Board Discussion-Approval of Report

10. Adjourn

- Roll call.
- October meeting will be held in-person at DLI.
- Don Mullin adjourned the Apprenticeship Advisory Board Meeting