



APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

10:00 – 11:00 AM
Thursday, July 19, 2019
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Helena, MT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Bentley (Chair), Dylan Rogness, Brock Tessman, Dale Carpenter, Quinton Queer, Chris Hopkins, and Margaret McManus

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Tim Newman, Jeff Stark, Mike Waldenberg, and Barry Reddick

STAFF: Shannon Lewis and Jay Reardon

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Chair Bentley called the meeting to order at 10:00.

ROLL CALL: Shannon Lewis conducted roll call and established a quorum.

AGENDA: Chair Bentley asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Hopkins moved, and Mr. Carpenter seconded a motion to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

March 19, 2019 MEETING MINUTES: Chair Bentley asked for motion to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

Ms. McManus moved, and Mr. Carpenter seconded a motion to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:

Members of the advisory council updated the council on current initiatives or work taking place within their respective apprenticeship programs. Overall, apprenticeship continues to grow within Montana and there is growing interest from educators throughout the state on coordinating with apprenticeship programs to increase student awareness about careers offered through apprenticeship.

UPDATE ON STATE APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS:

Chair Bentley updated the advisory council on the approved apprenticeship grants. Chair Bentley and Dylan Rogness approved six grant applications including First Choice Home Health, Golden Eagle Woodwork, LLC, Insight Electric, Missoula College,

Montana Health Network, and the Living Center. They asked for additional information on applications from Hybrid Steel Design and Sapphire Lutheran Homes. So far there is a variety of applications from a number of different industries.

REPORT OUT FROM NASTAD CONFERENCE:

Mr. Reardon Chair Bentley updated the council on the NASTAD Conference that was hosted in Helena. Overall the conference was well attended and there continues to be significant interest from state registered apprenticeship programs in upholding the current apprenticeship model and there are significant questions about industry recognized apprenticeship program models proposed at the federal level. In addition, longtime apprenticeship trainer and manager Mark Mackey was recognized for his work in registered apprenticeship in Montana and his contribution nationally to the role that apprenticeship plays in meeting workforce demand and supporting workers.

SEPTEMBER IN-PERSON MEETING:

Chair Bentley discussed the in-person meeting in September. The committee agreed to hold the meeting in Seeley Lake and asked for some tour options featuring apprenticeship in Seeley Lake. Shannon will send out a Doodle Poll to find a date that will work for council members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Bentley adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.