



STATE APPRENTICESHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAAC)
July 30, 2013 – Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida



Unofficial Meeting Minutes and Notes

Voting Members - Present:

Ruth Tirado, Vice President of Apprenticeship Training, Florida Association of Builders and Contractors, Inc.

Al Herndon, Apprenticeship Coordinator, Florida Masonry Apprenticeship & Educational Foundation

Jerry Thomas, Training Director, Jacksonville Plumbers & Pipefitters JATT (Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust)

John Small, Senior Director for Workforce Education, Polk County Schools

John Spinella, National Coordinator, National Elevator Industry Educational Program

Voting Members - Not Present:

James Nolan, Training Director, Jacksonville Electrical JATC (Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee)

Arnold Pruitt, Owner, Florida Construction Apprenticeship Corporation Training Program

Billy Campbell, Area Coordinator, North Florida Carpenters JATTF (Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust Fund)

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members - Present:

Chairperson, Rod Duckworth, Chancellor, Division of Career & Adult Education

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members - Not Present:

Mrs. Nora Carlton, Regional Executive Assistant and the Acting Florida State Director, USDOL-OA (United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship)

In addition, present from the Department of Education were Kathleen Taylor, Chief, Bureau of Standards, Benchmarks & Frameworks, Ken Olsen, Program Director of Apprenticeship and the Executive Secretary of the SAAC, and Bill Lauver, Region 1 Apprenticeship and Training Representative (ATR). Also present was Apprenticeship and Training Representative (ATR) Bill Lauver.

Call to Order: The meeting of the SAAC was called to order at 1:30 P.M. at the Marriott Sawgrass, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Chairperson, Rod Duckworth welcomed everyone to the SAAC meeting, and the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) Conference. Roll was not taken; however, it was determined there was a lack of a quorum of the full Council with only five (5) voting members present. Once it was determined that a quorum could not be reached, the meeting was adjourned with no business being conducted, but continued with the Apprenticeship Information Meeting following the prepared agenda. (See SAAC Notes)

Florida Statute Chapter 446.045 (2)(a) state in part that the SAAC is "... to be composed of 10 voting members appointed by the Governor and two ex-officio nonvoting members." Currently, there are only eight (8) appointed voting members with two (2) vacant member positions.

Florida Statute Chapter 446.045 (2)(c) state "The Council shall meet at the call of the chair or at the request of a majority of its membership, but at least twice a year. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum is necessary to take action."

Future Meeting: It was later determined that the next face to face meeting of the SAAC will be on March 19, 2014 and in Tallahassee during Florida Building Trades Apprenticeships in the Capitol Day, which is scheduled from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on March 20, 2014.

The information meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Olsen

9/6/2013

Date

With Chapter 446 Florida Statutes requiring the SAAC to officially meet twice per year, it was determined by Executive Secretary Olsen to have a meeting held via teleconference as statutorily allowed. The teleconference will be open to the public and held in September or October, 2013.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions: Chairperson Duckworth welcomed the Council Members and all other attendees to the Council meeting and to the FACTE conference. The previous meeting minutes will be approved at the next meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Introductions were made by all SAAC members as well as all others present in the audience and some comments were offered by many. Particularly, Mr. Spinella wanted to make note that since the SAAC had been restarted, there had never been a meeting without a quorum, until now.

Approval of Minutes: March 20, 2013 minutes will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

FLDOE Updates: Chairperson Duckworth gave a briefing of what is happening since the passing of SB-1076 and trying to get the House & Senate Legislative Intent for this new law.

He urged all present to share the importance of apprenticeship programs with their local legislators and to attend the State Board of Education meetings when held in their areas of the state and to share the importance of apprenticeship with them as well. He urged all to do so, because some people do not realize that apprenticeships still exist.

Florida 2013 Legislative Updates: Mrs. Taylor talked about her experience of attending an apprenticeship graduation and then gave some updates on what is happening since the passing of SB-1076 with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. She provided information on “Digital Education”, “Industry Certification courses that lead to college credits”, the “Scholar Designation” and the “Merit Designation”. She also talked about s.s. 1008.44 - Industry Certification Funding List and the New Performance Funding Language and those funds distributions. She noted the G.E.D. is changing radically in 2014, it will be known as the Next Generation G.E.D. and it is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. She also mentioned the Workforce Estimating Conference will be meeting in August, which is when the 2014-2015 Statewide Demand Occupations List will be determined.

Follow-up Items from Last Meeting: Mrs. Taylor covered this during the previous agenda item.

Apprenticeship Office Update: Mr. Olsen made a report to the SAAC with the aide of four (4) PowerPoint presentations i.e. the “SAAC Presentation” slideshow, the “Program Information” slideshow, the “Mathematica Report” slideshow and the “New Wave of Customer Driven Registered Apprenticeship” slideshow. He reported on the number of apprentices and programs, newly registered programs, apprentices, cancellation and completion rates, the number of joint programs and apprentices and the number of non-joint programs and apprentices, the number of quality assessment and compliance reviews performed, and other relevant and pertinent information. It was requested that the PowerPoint presentations be made available to the community. (note: the ATR recording stopped functioning right at the end of the last PowerPoint presentation)

- **U.S. Department of Labor (Updates):** This item had been addressed in Mr. Olsen’s previous presentation.

Member Small questioned whether or not anyone new if the Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List was going to stay the same, or if it was going to be eliminated, or if it was going to be changed and other trades added to it. Mrs. Taylor explained that at this time it was unclear what, if anything will change in regards to the list.

New Business: (The bulleted items on the agenda referred to the PowerPoint presentations Mr. Olsen went through in his previous presentation.

Committee Reports:

- **Rules and Regulations Committee**

Chair Jerry Thomas reported there is nothing new to report on the O.A. review of Title 29 CFR, Part 30 and that the Apprenticeship Office is diligently working to have 6A-23 FS cleaned up.

- **Workforce Awareness & Marketing Committee**

Chair Al Herndon reported on the future plans to work with students in Member Small's area of the state to develop storyboards to develop a video for promoting apprenticeship and he expressed a sense of frustration at the lack of attainment of the WorkForce Boards and Apprenticeship working together across the state.

- **Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Expansion & Development Committee**

Chair John Spinella reported on new O.A. approved apprenticeable occupations and the new programs being developed across the state.

The Un-Official SAAC Meeting was suspended by Chairperson Duckworth at 3:01 PM to convene the meeting of the FAA (Florida Apprenticeship Association).

The Assembly was reconvened by Chairperson Duckworth at 3:15 PM.

Council Round Table:

Chairperson Duckworth asked if there were any additional comments or items to discuss by any council members at this point. Member Thomas commented on the favorable information on the return on investment information and Member Herndon talked about SKILLS USA and encouraged everyone to participate.

Public Input:

Mr. Stan Collins, Regional Placement Coordinator, Jacksonville Job Corps, commented about their graduates entering apprenticeships and it was explained by ATR Lauver that through their registered preapprenticeship program that their carpenter and electrician graduates would receive equal consideration along with honorably discharged veterans when trying to enter registered apprenticeship programs.

Ms. Reina Mora-Blackwelder and other audience members commented on how much funding the community colleges receive for apprenticeships and its dispersal back to the programs. Mr. Duckworth and Mr. Olsen endeavored to explain the funding formula.

Future Meeting Date:

Conversation on the next Florida Building Trades Apprenticeships in the Capitol Day date ensued and through comments it was determined the next meeting date would be around the 14th or 18th of March 2014 in Tallahassee. The exact date for the next meeting would be determined later.

The meeting concluded at 3:32 P.M.