
MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Roll Call-Meeting Called to Order at 9:03 am

IAC Members: Nancy McCormick, Milton Stewart, Edward Estipona, Robert Chisel, Eric Brown

IAC College Representatives: Dr. Natalie Brown, Dr. Jinger Doe, Arkaitz Aldecoaotalora, Lisha Allison

Public Members: Melissa Olsen, Kiah Beverly, Ty Hagar, Estela Gutierrez, Mike Peyerl, Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, Ayodele Akinola, Kim Harrell, Kylie Rowe, Joseph Coleman, Ygnacio Vazquez -Guzman, Laure'l Santos, Kelly Oswald, Erik Gonzalez

Quorum was established.

Public Comment

None

Committee Approvals

May 16, 2024 minutes - Robert Chisel made motion, Nancy McCormick was the second, all present members voted in favor.

Vote to Remove Seng -Dao Yang Keo – Due to Seng -Dao's departure from the Washoe County School District and her unavailability moving forward, Robert Chisel made a motion, seconded by Milt Stewart, to remove her from the committee. All present members voted in favor of the removal, allowing us to engage with the new Deputy Superintendent of the Washoe County School District to join the committee.

President's Updates

Dr. Karin Hilgersom was unable to attend the meeting due to her participation in a Department of Energy Hearing. In her absence, Dr. Jeffery Alexander delivered the following update on her behalf.

Below are highlights from the presentation. Please see the attached presentation for more information .

The TMCC welding program serves around 225 students per semester, spanning various ages and experience levels, from high school students to retirees.

Students range from those pursuing degrees and balancing jobs to hobbyists, highlighting the diversity in the program.

The team consists of five full-time staff, including four instructors (two of whom are female), with over 75 years of industry experience.

The program covers critical welding skills, including stick, TIG, wire welding, and oxy-fuel cutting, with an emphasis on hands-on learning and theory.

Welding is essential across multiple industries, such as construction, aerospace, and power generation, ensuring job opportunities for graduates.

Students leave the program with American Welding Society (AWS) certifications, enhancing their employability.

Strong industry partnerships and advisory boards provide valuable feedback to ensure the program remains aligned with workforce needs.

Listening Session

IAC Council Member Take -Aways

Milton Stewart – I have heard about several opportunities to highlight the work being done within the workforce development system, particularly in job placements and employer partnerships. Additionally, - p /TT2 1 Tf 0.3.6 (en(lf 0.)1031.4 Td [(a)5 (l)

Eric Brown - I would like to echo many of the previous comments. As I reflect on the networks I engage with, I often find myself visiting potential partners or hosting individuals interested in collaborating with the County. I will add to our discussions the importance of outreach opportunities, placement initiatives, and the capital needs of TMCC. Standing in the facility, it is clear to me the potential for growth and advancement if we had the necessary funding. I believe there are potential funders ready to support us, and I will be actively pursuing conversations on this front, b13.3 (a)7 (c) (t8 (o)-d4s)7 (o)7 (f)11.4 (n15.6 (u)-