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VIRGINIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MINUTES Thursday, March 17, 2005

The Virginia Apprenticeship Council (Council) met on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at New Horizons Regional Educational Center, 520 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA 23666. Chairman Barry Baker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Barry W. Baker, Chairman
Dudley Harris
Darold S. Kemp
Earl Dickerson
Gloria Westerman for Dr. Glen DuBois
James N. Ellenberger for Ms. Delores Esser
Dr. Steven Staples
Lynn Taylor II

STAFF PRESENT:

C. Ray Davenport, Commissioner, DOLI
Beverley Donati, Division Director
Reba O'Connor, Administrative Staff Specialist, Sr.
DOLI Regional Apprenticeship Representative s

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairman Barry W. Baker called the regular scheduled quarterly meeting of the Virginia Apprenticeship Council to order. The presence of a quorum was established.

Mr. Dave Taylor, Apprenticeship Related Instruction Coordinator welcomed the Council and guest to New Horizons. Mr. Taylor announced that New Horizons' enrollment is growing. Last fall a Golf Classic was held and raised \$28,000 for scholarships. Six Career and Technical students will receive \$2,000 scholarships to be awarded in May.

Council members introduced themselves. Commissioner Davenport introduced DOLI staff members. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, State Director Jim Walker introduced himself and BAT Apprenticeship Representative, Nat Dailey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment offered.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Dr. Staples announced that Dr. Ned Carr will be retiring this year from New Horizons. He told the members that Dr. Carr had done an outstanding job during his tenure and that the region was now seeking resumes for his replacement.

Chairman Baker reported that his great, great, great, great, great grandfather, Daniel Pegram was a carpenter apprentice in Williamsburg in 1704. He was 14 years old. He was going to Williamsburg after the meeting to make a copy of the apprenticeship papers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On proper motion and second the minutes for the Council meeting held on December 9, 2003 were approved unanimously by role call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Williams Steel Erection Company, Inc:

Chairman Baker reported that Williams Steel had not registered any apprentices to date. Chairman Baker requested comments from Commissioner Davenport who stated that it is difficult to monitor a remedial plan that the Council approved when there are no apprentices registered. Contact has been made with the company by letter specifically asking if they intend to register any apprentices. The staff has also been in contact with the Office of the Attorney General as to the next steps to be taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Standing Subcommittees:

a. Ad Hoc Subcommittee:

Subcommittee Chairman, Darold Kemp reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee did not meet this quarter.

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at the Powers-Taylor Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

b. Exemption from Examination Subcommittee:

Mr. Dickerson reported that the subcommittee had reviewed one new request for exemption and six requests for exemption renewal. All met the requirements for exemption. Mr. Dickerson offered the following motions:

“I moved that sponsor 2005-01 be exemption from licensing examination. The exemption to expire on March 17, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion carried unanimously by role call vote.

“I move that the following sponsors’ request for exemption from licensing examination be extended until March 17, 2009: Sponsors 2000-01R; 2001-03R; 2001-04R; 2001-07R; 2001-09R; and 2001-012R. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellenberger. The motion carried unanimously by role call vote.

c. Update Perkins Funding:

Dr. Staples reported that President’s plan combines Perkins Funding with several other grants tied to No Child Left Behind Standards. Members of Congress have not received this as well as the President would

like. Funding is in place for this year. The President is proposing substantive changes for future years. Dr. Staples will be in Washington in April meeting with his congressional delegation.

Chairman Baker thanked the Commissioner for the work he did in securing the new apprenticeship representative positions.

Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni:

Mr. Harris reported that Merry Beth Hall has accepted a position with the national PMPA. This year the VAAA members will be attending the VOSH Conference on June 8th. He announced a tentative date for a golf tournament in September in the Richmond area. Also plans are being developed to recognize the Outstanding Apprentices in December in conjunction with the Council meeting. There will be a short board meeting following the Council meeting and everyone is invited to attend.

REPORTS:

Virginia Community College System:

Ms. Westerman distributed copies of the VCCS Action Plan for Apprenticeship Related Instruction to Council members. She requested that the Subcommittee review the plan and requested support of the Council. This plan is the result of a Return of Investment Study that was commissioned earlier. She has visited all of the ARI sites. Ms. Westerman requested that all Council members review the plan and forward any comments to her.

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training:

Mr. Walker addressed the Council. Greetings were extended from the USDOL national and regional offices. He reported that the new SAC Review schedule has been announced by the USDOL and Virginia is scheduled for 2007. Virginia is one of the few states that has conducted required SAC Reviews. Mr. Walker recognized Mr. Bob Baumgardner, previous DOLI Apprenticeship Director. Mr. Walker briefly described a current GAO survey requesting information on joint and non joint programs in all SAC states.

Department of Labor and Industry:

Commissioner Davenport addressed the Council. Mr. Davenport reported he and Ms. Donati are very excited about our new staff additions. We are utilizing every bit of experience that we can, including having new staff members work with experienced supervisors located in different areas to ensure consistent training statewide. We expect this to pay dividends in the future. We will be interviewing soon for the vacant position in Manassas. Mr. Davenport reported on the Governor's Taskforce on Construction. Other Council members who serve are Mr. Harris, Mr. Kemp and Ms. Westerman. Commissioner Davenport represents Secretary of Trade and Commerce Schewel. There are three subcommittees, Building Trades, Mechanical, and Heavy Equipment. One of the subcommittees, Heavy Equipment, appears to have members who only give cursory support of Registered Apprenticeship. Commissioner Davenport stressed his belief that Registered Apprenticeship is the best proven method of skilled training and that he would continue to promote Registered Apprenticeship. Ms. Westerman added that she serves on all three subcommittees and the other two committees have placed Registered Apprenticeship in the fore front. Ms. Westerman stated that she shares Commissioner Davenport's concerns regarding Heavy Equipment.

Other recent activities have included presentations by the Commissioner to the Richmond Urban League and the Capitol Area Peers for Education Reform. He thanked Mr. Walker for the close working relation that the Agency enjoys with the BAT staff. Commissioner Davenport also thanked the Council for all the work and participation, and support that is given to the staff in promoting Registered Apprenticeship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The chairman thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at Hermitage Technical Center in Richmond.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Barry W. Baker, Chair

C. Ray Davenport, Secretary