

THE VIRGINIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

The Virginia Apprenticeship Council met on Thursday, November 21, 2013, at Confederate Hills Recreation Center, Highland Springs, Virginia. Chairman Darold Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Darold Kemp, Chairman
Danny Amos
Jeff Brown for John Broadway
Dudley Harris
Michael Mays
Elizabeth Moran for Dr. Glen DuBois
Everett Patterson
Bill Burge, Assistant Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Beverley Donati, Division Director
Rick Brooks, Apprenticeship Representative
Donna Carvana, Apprenticeship Representative
Cetrel Coleman, Apprenticeship Representative
Todd Cook, Apprenticeship Representative
Delores Ferrell, Apprenticeship Representative
John McGarry, Apprenticeship Representative
Patty Moore, Apprenticeship Representative
Marco Pineda, Apprenticeship Representative
Crystal Thrower, Apprenticeship Representative
Wendall Walker, Apprenticeship Representative

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Chairman Kemp welcomed everyone. He thanked Henrico Public Schools, Mac Beaton, Director of Career and Technical Education for hosting the Council and their generous support over the years. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented. A token of appreciation was given to Lisa Clark for her warm hospitality and support over the years. Chairman Kemp on the behalf of the Council thanked the apprenticeship staff and members of the council for their service. Council members introduced themselves.

Chairman Kemp acknowledged the following:

Mr. Jim Cheng, Secretary of Commerce & Trade

Past Council Chairmen: Dr. Jim Hughes and Dr. Steve Staples

Past Council Members: Gloria Westerman and Ray Louth

Former Commissioners: Robert Beard, Jeff Brown, Ray Davenport and Courtney Malveaux

Former Apprenticeship Division Directors: Bob Baumgardner and Jennifer Nolan

Former DOLI Staff Members: Phyllis Weaver and Margaret Gravett

Registered Apprenticeship Director, Beverley Donati introduced Jim Walker, former United State Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship State Director, John McDowell, Apprenticeship Representative, Office of Apprenticeship, Sharon Sykes, Jim Morris and Willnette Taylor. Ms. Donati requested her staff to introduce themselves, listed above.

Chairman Kemp introduced Brad Beazley, Career Specialist with Henrico County Schools who gave a brief description of "The Big Red Bus" and how it is used in the education of students K-12. Bus was available for tours.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

No comments offered by Council members

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On proper motion and second the minutes for the Council meeting held on August 22, 2013, were approved by Council members by roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The chairman announced that this meeting would have a shortened agenda due to the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the Virginia Voluntary Apprenticeship Act celebration.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dudley Harris for John Biagas, Chairman of the Exemption from Examination subcommittee – Sponsor number 2001-017R, an active sponsor in Virginia since 1971. The number of related instruction hours per year is above the minimum requirement and the on-the-job learning hours are 10,000. This sponsor has met all the requirements set by the council for exemption from licensing examination. Approval recommended until April 30, 2017.

Note: This date brings all approved sponsors into the same expiration date for the year of 2017.

A motion was properly made and seconded and it was passed by roll call vote.

75th Anniversary Of The Signing Of The Virginia Apprenticeship Act Celebration

Bev Donati, Director of the Division of Registered Apprenticeship welcomed all and began the celebration with further introductions. Ms. Donati mentioned that Henry Dowdy, age 98, the very first to receive a Certificate of Completion from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry was unable to attend due to a recent health issues. A picture on display will be presented to him during his recuperation period.

Recognition of Mr. Robert F. Beard, Former Commissioner:

Daughter, Ms. Kim Kacani spoke on the behalf of her father, Robert Beard, who was in attendance. She reminisced about her father's past as an apprentice and his time spent as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. A framed picture was presented .

Introduction of Secretary James S. Cheng:

Assistant Commissioner, Bill Burge introduced Secretary Cheng. Secretary Cheng spoke about the importance of registered apprenticeship. He ended by reading a Certificate of Recognition from Governor McDonnell. The Certificate was presented to Mr. Burge and Mr. Kemp. Mr. Burge presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Secretary Cheng.

Introduction of Former Apprentices:

Chairman Kemp introduced two graduates of apprenticeship, Mr. Mac Beaton, Director Career & Technical Education, Henrico County Public Schools and Mr. Everett Jordan, Director of Education, The Apprentice School. Each spoke about what registered apprenticeship has meant in their lives. Mr. Kemp presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each.

President Norris Williams, Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association:

Ms. Donati introduced Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams first introduced the Board of Directors for the VAAA and proceeded with introducing Dr. James Hughes.

Dr. James Hughes, Manager of Training, The Apprentice School:

Dr. Hughes gave the history of when and how the Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association began and how it seeks to be a positive force in telling others the value of apprenticeship and providing scholarships to graduate apprentices and career and technical secondary teachers.

Time of Appreciation For What Apprenticeship Has Meant In My Life – Open Floor:

Mr. Jim Walker and Darold Kemp shared the importance of apprenticeship to them and their families.

Ms. Donati recognized 1stLT. Bryan Hicks and then spoke about the apprenticeship program established with the Virginia National Guard, the importance and how it is helping soldiers transitioning to civilian life. She ended by relaying a “Thank You” message from COL Thomas Morgan.

Todd Cook and fellow apprenticeship representatives presented Bev Donati with a plaque of appreciation for her service and dedication.

Chairman Darold Kemp

Bill Burge, Acting Secretary

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