

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 25, 2023

8:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Diane Alvarez, Mikale Brutus, Joe Connolly, Katie Eckstein, Jean Donlick, Allysha Deleonibus, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Diane Moore, Sarah Paquin, Joy Pelt, Karen Reed, Jim Reynolds, Wade Sewell, Stephen Smallidge, Stacie Umbarger

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Administrative Matters: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

23-24 Membership Applicants: The application for new committee members was posted on the HCPS website. We received some interest. We have five members whose terms are expiring at the end of this school year as well as our student representative. Mr. Limpert will compile a list of candidates for the committee to review and vote on in order to fill the empty seats. Ms. Donlick is going to look for a student representative to replace our graduating current student representative.

MSDE MD Works and Perkins Reserve: On March 31, 2023, we submitted the MD Works grant. This grant is to help expand and grow apprenticeship programs or to start an apprenticeship program.

The Perkins Reserve grants have changed. We used to be able to apply for multiple grants which we used to pay for training for our teachers. This year the State has changed it and we can only apply for one and it must be within certain focus areas. The Reserve grants are also competitive this year, which means that not everyone district will receive a reserve grant. We will be submitting the Perkins Reserve grant by the end of the day today, April 25, 2023. The State has said they are hopeful that the awards will be out by May 31, 2023.

MSDE 2023-24 Perkins: We have started working on our Perkins grant application. It is due to the State by May 23, 2023. We are hoping to receive our Perkins grant award by late June.

Needs Assessment and Focus: Is a Joint Needs Assessment with Harford Community College and after talking to Mr. Minnick the decision was made to keep our focus the same as last year. MSDE is allowing us to use the same Joint Needs Assessment that we completed last year to drive both our Perkins Plan and theirs. We are going to continue to focus a portion of Perkins on PTECH. Our PTECH program is moving into its fourth year of implementation. We will have students in ninth through twelfth grade with approximately twelve of the initial class of thirty are on track to graduate with both their high school diploma and their associate degree in their four years of high school.

HCC Update: Mr. Limpert provided a brief Harford Community College update for Mr. Minnick. We have been doing the PTECH introduction meetings. The students come in and learn about PTECH and then sign the dotted line that they are committed to it.

Apprenticeship and WFI Updates: We have twenty-five apprentices that we have been working with this year. On May 17th fifteen of the students that are graduating will be receiving a

Maryland Skills State Certificate at a recognition ceremony. We are also expecting another eight businesses to be approved in May. We are currently receiving a lot of interest from students about the program as they register for classes for next year. It is not just the private sector we have we have Harford County Public Schools and Harford County Government both on board for hiring students as apprentices as well.

The Workforce Investment program is ending for this year on May 19th. We have a career fair specifically for these students on May 12th as well as a recognition ceremony for the students on May 15th. We are looking at having eight classes next year as opposed to the four this year. Four of the students have already earned some certifications and expect more of them to earn them over the next several weeks.

2022 MSDE/CTE Performance Update: Mr. Limpert gave a brief CTE Performance update.

Open Dialogue: Mr. Limpert announced that he is retiring at the end of this year and will be starting in a new position in late August with Harford Community College.

Mr. Krout gave a brief update on what the County is currently doing and what their plans are for the near future.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023, at Harford Technical High School. Meeting adjourned at 9:24am.

Please note that if there is a delay, closure, or a virtual day for the school system due to inclement weather our meeting will be cancelled.