

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**February 6, 2024**

**8:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Attendees:** Lindsay Avil, Madisyn Bobb, LaWanda Brown, Mikale Brutus, Monica Chiveral, Joe Connolly, Jeanne Donlick, Katie Eckstein, Mijiza Green, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Megan McDowell, Sarah Paquin, Jim Reynolds, Andrew Thomson

**Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Connolly started the meeting at 8:05am and welcomed everyone.

**Administrative Matters:** The agenda for the February 6th meeting and the minutes from the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved. Mr. Connolly announced upcoming events within the CTE programs at Harford County Public Schools.

**Apprenticeship Update:** Mr. Connolly showed a brief video of some of our students that is currently part of a defense interns program. Mr. Johnstone gave a brief update on the Apprenticeship Maryland program. We currently have one hundred and fifteen students in the apprenticeship program and approximately one hundred twenty-five businesses on board. We are to hold a career fair on March 20<sup>th</sup>. On May eighth there be an Apprenticeship Summit. It is going to be a collaborative effort between Harford County Public Schools, Harford Business Roundtable and Harford Community College.

**HCPS/HCC Workforce Investment:** Ms. Paquin gave a brief update on the Workforce Investment Program. Thirteen out of the fourteen logistic students have earned their certified logistics associate certification so those thirteen have moved on to the certified logistics technician piece. Several students have earned Microsoft Office Certifications and our social media/communications students have earned between eleven and fifteen various certifications from the Help Spot for social media.

**Middle School Innovation Update:** Ms. Eckstein gave an update on Middle School Innovation. Ms. Eckstein and Mr. Connolly presented to our General Curriculum Committee the Career Compass course for seventh grade. Our teachers will be receiving some professional development in March to start preparing for next year. They also did an informational report to the General Curriculum Committee about the changes to our sixth and eighth grade courses.

**HCC Updates:** Mr. Limpert talked briefly about the many updates and additions that are going on at Harford Community College. He also talked about a new building that they are planning which will include 19 new programs.

**Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment:** Mr. Connolly spoke briefly about the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment which we are required to complete every other year.

**CTE Program Spotlight:** Ms. Avil teaches Cosmetology, and she talked about what the cosmetology program and what the students learn and about the licensing process that the students must go through.

**Open Dialogue:** Mr. Limpert announced that his name was forwarded to the Governor's Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Krout gave a brief update on what his office in the County Government has been doing.

**Closing Comments/Adjourn:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2024, at Harford Technical High School. The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

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.