

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 9, 2024
8:00-10:30 a.m.

Attendees: Madisyn Bobb, Monica Chiveral, Joe Connolly, Jeanne Donlick, Raj Goel, Matt Johnstone, Shawn Krout, Rob Limpert, Sarah Paquin, Erin Mock, Wade Sewell, Lisa Snodgrass, David Thomey

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Connolly started the meeting at 8:04am and welcomed everyone. He introduced Ms. Erin Mock, the new principal at Harford Technical High School and we went around the table and introduced ourselves.

Administrative Matters: The agenda for the April 9th meeting was reviewed and the minutes from the February 6th meeting were approved. Mr. Connolly talked briefly about several MSDE visits that have happened since our last meeting. MSDE came out to see our P-TECH program, a Workforce Investment visit, computer science visit and an apprenticeship Maryland visit.

Mr. Connolly also updated the committee on the changes that are happening at the state level regarding changes to the accepted industry recognized credentials.

Apprenticeship Update: Mr. Johnstone gave a brief update on the Apprenticeship Maryland program. We currently have one hundred and fifty students in the apprenticeship program, over a hundred of them are seniors. We held a career fair on March 20th. There were 40 businesses and over 200 students at the event. Approximately 10 students have already made connection with employers because of the career fair. 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. This is for businesses to come and learn more about apprenticeships.

HCPS/HCC Workforce Investment: Ms. Paquin gave a brief update on the Workforce Investment Program. We are working on getting students scheduled for next year's classes. There will be a few Allied Health classes added for the Fall as well. There are two forklift training coming up. We have a lot of job readiness classes sprinkled into the end of the year.

CLNA, Perkins, and other CTE Updates: Our Career Compass class was approved by the Board. This program will expose students to our career clusters throughout our county. Interactive Media and Production is currently offered at Patterson Mill Middle School, but we are going to include that as a course offering at other middle schools as well.

HCC Updates: Mr. Limpert gave an update on what is going on at Harford Community College. They are very close to signing an agreement to open a regional center along the route 40 corridor. The goal is to have it open for the Fall. They are working with a company called Bumper to Bumper to offer CDL training to local municipalities.

Membership SY24-25: Mr. Connolly stated that there are some open seats on our committee. He will be sending out the form for the committee to vote for filling those seats.

Open Dialogue: Mr. Tomey talked about the grant his company gives out and the concern of the lack of applications from Harford County Public Schools. Freedom Federal also mentioned the struggle to get applications for their Golden Apple Grants. Mr. Limpert mentioned that there are scholarships for high school students that reside in Aberdeen.

Mr. Sewell thanked Ms. Mock, Ms. Paquin, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Connolly, and Mr. Limpert for the effort they put forth on a daily basis to help bring about positive student outcomes for the students of Harford County Public Schools.

Closing Comments/Adjourn: The next meeting will be in the fall of 2024. The location is to be determined. The meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

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.