

DRAFT MINUTES

Virginia Apprenticeship Council
Thursday, November 7, 2002
10:00 A.M.
Confederate Hills Recreation Building
302 Lee Avenue
Highland Springs, VA 23075

The Virginia Apprenticeship Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry W. Baker. Council members and DOLI staff introduced themselves.

Chairman Baker called for public comments. Mr. Walter Wise, Vice President, Iron Workers, International Union, addressed the Council and requested that he be allowed to offer comments following Williams Steel Erection Co., Inc.

Mr. Kenny Davis, Iron Workers, International Union, addressed the Council and requested that he be allowed to offer comments following the Williams Steel Erection, Co., Inc.

Chairman Baker stated this would be allowed.

On proper motion and second the minutes for the Council meeting held on June 13, 2002 were approved unanimously by role call vote.

There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

a.) Williams Steel Erection Company:

Mr. Frank Kollman, counsel for Williams Steel addressed the Council. Mr. Art Williams, President, Williams Steel addressed the Council. Mr. Russ Keating, Apprenticeship Supervisor, addressed the Council.

Ms. Ellen Marie Hess, staff attorney, Department of Labor and Industry addressed the Council.

Mr. Walter Wise, Iron Workers, International Union, addressed the Council.

On proper motion and second, the Council voted unanimously by role call vote to deregister Williams Steel Erection Co., Inc. as a registered apprenticeship sponsor for the period of one year.

b) There was no Standing Subcommittee Report.

Chairman Baker appointed Mr. Darold Kemp chairman of the Standing Subcommittee and Mr. Earl Dickerson chairman of the Exemption from Examination Subcommittee. These chairmen will replace Mr. Jack Cowherd. Mr. Cowherd will remain as a member of both committees.

c.) Approval of Final Amendments to 16 VAC 20-10 Public Participation Guidelines:

Ms. Bonnie Hopkins, Administrative Staff Specialist Senior, presented the final amendments to the Public Participation Guidelines 16 VAC 20-10. On proper motion and second the final amendments to the Guidelines were approved unanimously by role call vote.

New Business:

a.) Exemption from Examination Subcommittee:

Mr. Dickerson reported that there was one request for exemption from examination and that all information provided met the requirements for exemption. On proper motion and second, sponsor 2002-01 was approved for exemption from examination unanimously by role call vote.

Ms. Cynthia Wright, VCCS, addressed the Council.

Mr. James Walker, USDOL, BAT State Director, addressed the Council.

Ms. Jennifer P. Nolen, DOLI, Apprenticeship Program Director addressed the Council.

DOLI Commissioner C. Ray Davenport addressed the Council.

Mr. Robert Walter, Council member, stated his appreciation to the Commissioner and Ms. Hess for the thorough investigation by the agency of the apprenticeship program at Williams Steel Erection Co., Inc.

Dr. Steven Staples, Council member, requested DOLI staff to review the methods used to audit apprenticeship sponsors. Mr. Jim Walker, USDOL-BAT, told the Council that the subcommittee was in the process of this review.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2002 at the Confederate Hills Recreation Building.

There was no further business before the Council

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverley Donati
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