

**Agenda**  
**Carpentry Program**  
**Career Education Industry Advisory Committee**

Monday, April 28, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
 SRJC Petaluma Campus  
 680 Sonoma Mtn. Parkway  
 Construction Training Center Carpentry Lab, Building 1400 (Map Attached)

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Carpentry Program advisory committee is to support SRJC in establishing and offering a career education program that serves the needs of students, industry, and the community.

Objectives:

- Provide industry input on curriculum, technology, facilities, budget, student learning objectives, and student job placement
- Provide a forum for discussion and alignment among educators and industry representatives

Time	Topic	Item Type	Responsible Person	Notes
10:30 am	Call to Order	Action	Benjamin Goldstein	Housekeeping and safety items (restrooms, emergency exit)
10:35 am	Welcome and Introductions	Information	All	Name and company
10:40 am	Approval of Minutes from 9/16/2024 Meeting	Action	All	
10:45 am	Public Comments	Information	All	Comments from the general public
10:50 am	Elect Committee Chair	Action	All	Nomination for Eileen Russell, Mendocino Companies, for Carpentry Advisory Committee Chair
11:00 am	Status of Carpentry Program	Discussion	SRJC Staff and All	Update and tour of Carpentry Program: Classes, enrollment, tools, etc. Questions from Advisory Committee
11:10 am	Status of Carpentry Industry	Discussion	All	Discussion on status of local carpentry industry. What is changing? What are some new trends?
11:30 am	Equipment Operator Training Program	Discussion	All	SRJC is acquiring several pieces of construction equipment for student training purposes: forklift; scissor lift; telehandler; mini-excavator; compact track loader. What is the Advisory Committee experience providing or receiving training for equipment operators? Are there additional important pieces of equipment for carpentry and construction students to be trained on?
12:00 pm	Adjournment	Action	Eileen Russell	



**SRJC Carpentry Industry Advisory Committee Membership  
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First Name	Last Name	Title	Company	Email	Notes
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