

MINUTES (Draft)
Carpentry Program Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, September 16, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
SRJC Petaluma Campus
680 Sonoma Mtn. Parkway
Construction Training Center Carpentry Lab, Building 1400

- Members in attendance: Keith Christopherson, Kevin Merritt, Angel Grassi, Dan McCulloch, Nicollette Weinzveg
- Members attending as proxy: Leticia Hanke (proxy for Leslie Biagini); Tom Starke (proxy for William Goosieff)
- Members absent: Chas Fetherolf, Larry Richmond, Eileen Russell
- Faculty, staff, and administrators in attendance: Larry Arrington, Frank DeNiro, Benjamin Goldstein, Megan Rhodes, Rachel Smith
- Invited guests in attendance: Brandon Jewell

Was there a quorum **X** Yes _____ No (if no quorum, no official business shall be performed)

Call to Order: Benjamin Goldstein called the meeting to order at 3:19 pm.

Welcome/Introductions: Each advisory committee member, SRJC faculty & staff member, and invited guest briefly introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Dan McCulloch; Second by Angel Grassi; MSA (unanimous)

Public Comments: None

Status of Carpentry Program:

1. Benjamin Goldstein provided an update on the launch of the Carpentry Program in August, including enrollment numbers.
2. Benjamin Goldstein provided brief presentation on Construction Training Center and Carpentry Fundamentals Program, including actions taken based on input from previous Advisory Committee meeting.
3. Faculty members Larry Arrington and Frank DeNiro provided updates on the Carpentry Program curriculum, tools, equipment, and lesson plans.
4. Benjamin Goldstein shared the prompt with the Advisory Committee: What are the main safety issues you observe in the carpentry trade on the jobsite?
 - a. Advisory Committee Discussion: Nail guns; ladder safety; roof safety (harnesses); proper tool maintenance; industrial truck (forklift, scissor lift, telehandler) safety.



Status of Carpentry Industry:

1. Benjamin Goldstein shared the prompt with the Advisory Committee: Discussion on status of local carpentry industry. What is changing in the industry? What do new carpenters need to know?
 - a. Advisory Committee Discussion: Lasers and layout; “just in time” ordering and delivery of lumber; hard work and dependability; multi-family construction (big in Sonoma County); blueprint/plan reading; industrial truck (forklift, scissor lift, telehandler) operation; drone aerial footage for surveying and site inspection.

Industry and Community and Partnerships

1. Benjamin Goldstein shared the prompt with the Advisory Committee: Who are the biggest framing contractors in Sonoma County? What community partnerships could SRJC pursue to support student recruitment and class projects? Are there any industry prospects to add to the Advisory Committee?
 - a. Advisory Committee Discussion: North Coast Builders Exchange—industry speakers, students can potentially attend some networking events; Brandon Jewell from CTE Foundation will provide a list of high schools with “shop” or construction programs and pathways; recommendation to get organized around high school tours and activities; partnership with North Bay Construction Corps and NextGen Trades Academy; need for a “contractors day” at Construction Training Center for industry to learn about programs and recruit graduates.

Elect Committee Chair

1. Postponed to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35pm

