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NEVADA STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 30, 2022

1. **Call to Order.**

A Nevada State Apprenticeship Council (Council) meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Chairman Archie Walden (Chairman Walden).

2. **Roll Call and Quorum.**

Chairman Walden called the roll and declared a quorum present for the meeting. Council members present: Chairman Archie Walden, Madison Burnett, Thomas Pfundstein, Vice-Chairman Jeremy Newman, Randy Canale, Mike Kennedy, Ryan Bellows, Stacey Bostwick, Cheryl Olson. Council members absent: Craig Statucki.

3. **Verification of Public Posting.**

Chairman Walden affirmed, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Section 241.020, the Nevada Open Meeting Law, that the agenda and notice for the meeting were properly posted.

4. **Public Comment.**

Chairman Walden called for public comment. The following requested a reservation of time to comment on Agenda Item 8 when the matter is called.

- Mr. Kevin Christensen on behalf of the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee of Southern Nevada
- Mr. Nathan Ring on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 357, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12, and the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Mountain West Administrative District Council
- Mr. Mitchell Bechtel on behalf of the Ironworkers Local 118
- Mr. Jason Rafter of behalf of the Ironworkers Local 118 Apprenticeship
- Mr. Alan Darney on behalf of the Northern Nevada Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee
- Mr. William Kephart on behalf of the Southern Nevada Laborers Training Trust.

Chairman Walden noted for the record that the requested public comment would be heard when Agenda Item 8 is called. Hearing nothing further, Chairman Walden closed the initial public comment period.

5. **Approval of May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes.**

Council member Randy Canale made a motion to approve the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Council member Tom Pfundstein seconded. The motion carried.

6. **Deregistering Inactive Programs.**

Chairman Walden asked if a representative from Stationary Engineers Local 39 JATC was present to speak on Agenda Item 6. Local 39 JATC representative, James Anderson, reported that Local 39 has indentured an apprentice in Reno, Nevada and is in the interview process for an additional apprentice. Chairman Walden called for discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Walden moved to approve continued registration of Stationary Engineers Local 39 JATC. Council member Randy Canale seconded. The motion carried.

7. **Programs That Have Voluntarily Cancelled Occupations.**

Chairman Walden reported that the Nevada Power Company voluntarily cancelled the occupation of Welder, Combination (51-4121.00) from its registered program because the company no longer conducts training and currently there are no registered apprentices. Chairman Walden called for discussion on Agenda Item 7. Hearing none, he closed the agenda item.

8. **Revision of Program Standards/Occupations.**

Chairman Walden ceded the Chairman's position to Vice-Chairman Jeremy Newman, so that he could represent the Southern Nevada Laborers Training Trust (SNLTT) with respect to Agenda Item 8. Before Chairman Walden could present Agenda Item 8 and without calling for the previously reserved public comment, Acting Chairman Newman noted there were many interested parties present, expressed his view that timely notice of the proposed program revision was not given to similar apprenticeship programs and called for a motion to table Agenda Item 8 until the next meeting so that proper notice could be given and a hearing held. Council member Randy Canale made a motion to table Agenda Item 8 until the next meeting so that 30 days notice can be given to similar programs. Acting Chairman Newman called for a second. Council member Madison Burnett seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Walden asked that Senior Deputy Attorney General, David Gardner, be allowed to share his opinion on the issue of whether 30-day notice of the proposed program revision was necessary. Acting Chairman Newman stated he could not entertain Mr. Walden's request for the Deputy Attorney General's opinion because Mr. Walden had ceded his role as Chairman and because the request did not come from a Council member. Mr. Walden then requested that Acting Chairman Newman ask the Senior Deputy Attorney General for his opinion on the notice issue. Acting Chairman Newman refused stating he was moving to the next Agenda Item. Mr. Walden questioned how Acting Chairman Newman could entertain a motion without first hearing about the matter presented. Acting Chairman indicated no more discussion could be had as a motion was made, seconded and carried. He then ceded the chairmanship back to Mr. Walden.

9. **State Apprenticeship Director's Report.**

Chairman Walden acknowledged former State Apprenticeship Director, Richard Williams' dedicated service to improving Nevada's apprenticeship program. In lieu of reading apprenticeship and program data/statistics prepared by Mr. Williams prior to his resignation from state service in July 2022, Chairman Walden referred Council members to the apprenticeship and program data posted on the Office of the Labor Commissioner's website.

10. **United States Department of Labor Report.**

Chairman Walden noted that a US Department of Labor (DOL) representative was unable to attend the meeting and he will share the DOL's report on the Office of the Labor Commissioner's website.

11. **Future Agenda Items.**

Chair Walden asked Council members if there were any items they would like to add to the next meeting's agenda other than SNLTT Revision of Program Standards/Occupations. Hearing none, Chairman Walden closed the agenda item.

12. **Public Comment.**

Chairman Walden called for public comment. The representatives noted in Agenda Item 8 agreed to save comments until Agenda Item 8 is heard at the next Council meeting. Chairman Walden closed public comment.

13. **Adjournment.**

Chairman Walden adjourned the meeting at 9:56 A.M.

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