

New Mexico Public Education Department Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee (ATAC)

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1209 Santa Fe, NM
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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the New Mexico Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Chris Romero, Committee Chair, at 1:37 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at the NM Library Archives and Records Center (LARC) on Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM. Katherine Bryce recording.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Jeannie Baca
Elisa Gallegos
Chris Romero

Nancy Reisbeck
Rick Meyer
Greta Schouman

Dean Dopson
Rene Lowden
Louise Williams

ABSENT

Regina Baca

AUDIENCE:

Joseph Handley, International
Association of Heat and Frost
Insulators and Asbestos
Workers Local 76

Valerie Martinez, NNM
Independent Electrical
Contractors

Adrian Quintana, NM
Plasterers & Cement Masons
Larry Sonntag, NM Roofing
Contractors Association

Phyllis Franzoy, Southern NM
Independent Contractors
Frank Ward, SW Carpenters
Training Fund, NM Carpenters
Educational Program

Jake Arellano, Public Service
Company of New Mexico
David Montaña, Plumbers and
Pipefitters JATC

Tony Korwin, Career,
Technical Workforce
Education Bureau

John Miller, Public Service
Company of New Mexico

Bec Rheins, NM Finishing
Trades Institute
Janice Jones, Southwestern
Line Constructors

Jerry Arms, Sheet Metal
Workers Local Union 49 JATC
Andre Arreola, SW
Carpenters Training Fund,
NM Carpenters Educational
Program

Liz Servis, Film
Apprenticeship
Chuck Schumann, Plumbers
and Pipefitters JATC

Alex Trujillo, Southwestern
Line Constructors

Cesslie J. Pharr, AGC Multi
Trade Unilateral
Apprenticeship Training
Program

George Lovato, Operating
Engineers Local 953
David Wilson, American Fire
Sprinklers Association, NM
Chapter
Jim Baca, IBEW 611

Joshua Sykes, Wagner
Equipment Co

Nicolina Rushalko, NM DWS

David Aranda, NEIEP, IUEC
Local 131

Leonard Bridge, NEIEP, IUEC
Local 131

Bill Andrews, Gardner Zemke

Marvin Duran, NM Bricklayers
& Allied Craftworkers Local 3
Apprenticeship Training
Program JATC

Peter Chud, NM Bricklayers &
Allied Craftworkers Local 3
Apprenticeship Training
Program JATC
Torrey Becote, GE

Julian Córdova, NM Laborers

Mike Waldo, El Paso
Electricians JATC

Marilyn Cooper, Cy Cooper
Company

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr Dean Dopson moved to accept the agenda. Ms Greta Schouman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Errata: the dates on the header were incorrect. Mr Rick Meyer moved to accept the amended minutes of the January 20, 2009, meeting; Mr Dopson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Feb meeting minutes moved by Mr Dopson to accept the amended minutes of the February 17, 2009, special meeting; Mr Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr Romero announced a formal program roll call to make sure all programs currently receiving funding were represented; all were present plus representatives from the Carpenters Educational Program, Elevators Local 131, El Paso Electricians, New Mexico Roofers, GE Aviation, Cy Cooper Corp and the Film Apprenticeship. *Note: several other program representatives arrived after the roll call and are noted in the audience list.*

PED UPDATE

Ms Louise Williams reviewed the layout of the PED packet of information.

RULE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The NMAC Code sub-committee has been in recess during the Legislative season, and will resume meetings beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at the Associated General Contractors Multi Trade Unilateral Apprenticeship Training Program on 1615 University Blvd NE in Albuquerque from 9 am to 2:30pm with a working lunch.

Ms Williams told the group that ATAC will continue to have a procedures manual; the NMAC Code will back it up, not replace it.

CLAIMS UPDATE

Ms Williams reviewed the Running Tally worksheet and discussed the current status of funding. ATAC's budget was affected by the emergency solvency bill signed by the governor February 6. According to current figures, 46.6% of the budget has been spent to date. Ms Williams will get the new claims workbooks to the programs by the end of next week so the third quarter claims will have revised mid-year figures.

Mr Meyer expressed concern over the possible legal ramifications of reducing current-year funding that was allotted through signed contracts. Ms Williams responded that the situation been reviewed by PED legal counsel and fiscal; Mr Tony Korwin added that the financial disclaimer in the apprenticeship agreement is standard in all state contracts; it's not time-dependent and can affect any contract, any time. He said that it is not under the control of PED or the Department of Finance and Administration, or any state agency; rather, it is a function of political action during Legislature and affects ALL State agencies as final. In response to a question by Mr Meyer, Mr Korwin said the reduced figure was arrived at by formula. HB 10 was at a 2.5% reduction which addressed the main pot of money of \$750,000, and SB 79 was at a 7.3% reduction for the remaining \$50,000. While he said it had been explained to him that the \$50,000 was

considered Rep Berry's legislative funding contribution, the other was a HB 2 add-on to the PED budget. They could be identified apart by their fiscal codes.

2009 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

Ms. Williams handed out the current status of the Legislative Bills relating to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship. Watch HB3 as it affects apprenticeship for this year. Ms Williams strongly recommended that programs familiarize themselves with the legislative website and the bills affecting apprenticeship. She suggested each program support the bills and talk with their legislators. Mr Meyer asked which entity supported which figure that went to the Legislature: Ms Williams said PED supported the executive request of \$800,000 while the LESC (Legislative Educational Study Committee) is supporting \$650,000. Ms Williams said the house bill is still in progress, and that Richard Berry's House Bill 49 and Bernadette Sanchez' Senate Bill 46 each have each been passed to the other side with "do-pass" recommendations.

Mr Meyer advised programs to look closely at the various pre-apprenticeship bills. He said Berry's bill asks for \$500,000 with no reversion to the state General Fund, while apprenticeship asks for more money but with reversion, no rollover from year to year. An audience member said those funds were for pre-apprenticeship, which does not use apprenticeship funds but rather goes to the public schools; ATAC does not have any say in what happens to those funds. Tony said the allocation for the pre-apprenticeship has been removed, adding that the \$500,000 was a non-recurring pilot program funding, not ATAC's regular pot of money. When pre-apprenticeship sunset in five years, any leftover would revert. However, since it hasn't been funded, it may be a moot point.

ATAC VACANCIES

Ms Williams stated that the ATAC has three vacancies. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, April 13, 2009, at 4 pm. She also briefly mentioned her ongoing intention to share "best practices" as she discovered them in other states. She referenced the Michigan handout in the packet where apprenticeship training hours are being recognized as college credit and count toward a degree. Ms Jeannie Baca said CNM is graduating 43 apprentices from their program.

Mr Frank Ward of the Carpenters said John Dunphy has retired; Ms Regina Baca was not present today because she had duties in the office. Mr Ward is representing the program in her place. Mr Meyer suggested that when the workshop is mandatory, all committee members should be here. Mr Ward said she would probably finish out her term, though she could not be here today.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

COMMENTS

Mr John Miller announced his retirement and his replacement Mr Jake Arellano.

Mr Romero reminded the group that the mandatory workshop for funding applications immediately follows this meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 10 am, at the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 49 Joint Apprenticeship Training Center on 2300 Buena Vista SE Ste 110 in Albuquerque. This meeting is mandatory for all those who submit an application, as the ATAC will review those applications at that time. If a knowledgeable program representative is not present, the application will not be considered for funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn moved by Ms Reisbeck, second by Ms Schouman. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:37 pm.