

Meeting Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Auto Body BLC	
Auto Body Instructor	Brent Gandy		
MEETING DATE:	08/13/25	MEETING TIME:	11:00 AM
RECORDER:	Adriana Soto Rodriguez	MEETING PLACE:	Amarillo College - Washington Campus- Ware Student Commons Building Room 207
		PREVIOUS MEETING:	3/27/24

List all members who were present

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x	John Strongburg	Lead Painter	Alme Body Shop		
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EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT

X	Brent Gandy	Faculty -Auto Body Technology	Amarillo College	806-335-4372	b0147485@actx.edu
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X	Adriana Soto Rodriguez	Administrative Assistant	Amarillo College	806-335-4211	a0387635@actx.edu

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION	RESPONSIBILITY
Welcome and introductions	Brent Gandy introduced himself and briefly spoke about his program and curriculum.	
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS		DISCUSSION

• Program Updates • Enrollment • Internships • ICAR Curriculum • Perkins Update	• The meeting discussed the auto body apprenticeship program, emphasizing the importance of hands-on experience and mentorship. Apprentices undergo a discovery process, learning car disassembly and system functions. • Graduation criteria include independently installing a quarter panel. The program advertises locally and recruits from vocational schools. New hires start with a 90-day probation, with pay increases upon graduation. The curriculum, similar to iCar, faces challenges due to changes and incomplete resources. • The need for more instructors and advanced training in estimating and repair procedures was highlighted, along with the use of donated cars for practical training. • The meeting discussed the budget amendment for welding students, who need to buy \$10,000 in metal. • The program, a one-year certificate or two-year degree, focuses on practical skills like cutting quarter panels and tool control. Students face challenges in obtaining enough panels for priming and blocking due to budget constraints. • The program aims to integrate advanced skills like painting and welding, using i-CAR props and local shop support. • Emphasis was placed on work ethic, tool control, and the need for students to understand the big picture. • The conversation also covered the importance of industry standards and the challenges of placing students in apprenticeships. • The meeting went over challenges in auto body training, focusing on teaching basics without overburdening instructors. • The need for better products and realistic wage expectations, noting that students often expect higher pay was mentioned. • The group weighed in on the students' unrealistic expectations and the importance of teaching basic skills like tear-down and detailing. The attendees agreed on the importance of standardized processes and entry-level training. They also considered the need for better tools and resources, with a budget of \$8,500 for 28 students.
Adjournment	• The meeting concluded with plans for future meetings and potential internship opportunities.
Instructor Signature:	
Brent Gandy	Date: 10-11-25
	Next Meeting: TBD