

Meeting Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:			
Auto Body Instructor	Brent Gandy		
MEETING DATE:	06/16/26	MEETING PLACE:	Amarillo College - Innovation Outpost - Room 161
RECORDER:	Adriana Soto Rodriguez	PREVIOUS MEETING:	8/13/25
List all members who were present			
	NAME	EMPLOYER INFO	PHONE
X	Alex Chavez	Hereford Body Shop	806-201-8604
X	Ryan McCarley	McCarley's Hail & Collision	806-440-0019
X	Corey Stone	Southwest Collision	806-663-0112
X	Jud Howe	English Color	
X	Dee Dee Fugrear	JW's Collision	
X	Mariah Rubio	Star Truck & Auto	806-383-3083
X	Mark Cruz	Bruckner's Body Shop	
X	Braden Woods	Accent	806-683-1832
X	Gus Lomas	Star Truck & Auto	
X	Eddie Gonzalez	Custom Specialties Collision	
X	Jose Pompa	Garcia's Body Shop	806-717-2212
X	Sydney Johnson	NCS	806-376-3114
X	Shayla Gillum	JW's Collision	806-274-5656
X	Michael Phillips	Revolution Body Shop	
X	Didier Rivera	Pride & Joy Body Shop	
X	Meleena Bosquez	Bruckner's Truck	
X	Coury Hampton	Acme Body Shop	
X	Steve Hegeman	Gerber Collision & Glass	
X	Perry York	English Color and Supply	
X	John Stromber	Acme Body Shop	
X	Quinton Phillips	Harvey's	806-282-5720
X	Eddie Gonzalez	Custom Specialties Collision	806-683-6007
X	Craig Stone	Southwest Collision	806-595-0978

X	Chase Van Noy	Optimum Collision	
X	Chris Reppeal	Revolution Body Shop	806-444-8860
X			
EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT			
X	Brent Gandy	Amarillo College	806-335-4372
X	Rob Leuthen	Amarillo College	806-335-4374
	Adriana Soto Rodriguez	Amarillo College	806-335-4211
AGENDA ITEM			
Welcome and introductions			
Brent Gandy introduced himself and briefly spoke about his program and curriculum.			
KEY DISCUSSION POINTS			
- Program Updates - Enrollment - Internships	Program Updates - Program has grown from 3 students four years ago to a goal of 40 enrolled students this year. - Added a second instructor to support enrollment growth and increase individualized instruction. - Student budget increased to approximately \$1,000 per student, allowing for improved tools, equipment, and instructional materials. - Received major industry donations, including a waterborne mixing system and materials from Axalta, strengthening hands-on training opportunities. Enrollment - Annual enrollment goal is 20 new students. - Student interest continues to increase, with many enrolling earlier each year. - Program continues to improve graduate placement, with many students obtaining employment while still enrolled or shortly after graduation. - Continued focus on recruiting students into skilled trades to address workforce shortages. Internships - Internships remain a key component of student development and workforce integration. - Students will be evaluated individually before being referred to employers to ensure job readiness. - Local collision repair shops are encouraged to contact the instructor before hiring students for an honest assessment of their skills and preparedness. - Continued partnerships with local employers are essential to expanding internship opportunities.		

• Industry Trends- Estimating	• Growing concern over the aging collision repair workforce and the need to develop qualified replacements. • Increased emphasis on industry collaboration to ensure graduates possess current, job-ready skills. • Plans to benchmark curriculum and instructional methods through participation in the 3M Instructor Training School. • Ongoing support from industry partners remains critical for equipment, materials, and student experiences.
• ICAR Curriculum	• Students complete a one-year Basic Certificate that includes five I-CAR certifications. • Advanced Certificate expands students' technical skills through additional I-CAR coursework. • Curriculum balances classroom instruction with extensive hands-on shop training. • Continued emphasis on practical skills including refinishing, color sanding, buffing, estimating, and advanced repair procedures.
• Spring 2027 CE Course	• Discussed future Continuing Education (CE) offerings for Spring 2027. • Potential topics include: - o Advanced collision repair procedures - o Estimating - o Refinish techniques - o Industry-led specialty training • Industry experts will be invited to assist with course development and instruction.
• Employer Needs/Open Discussion	Employer Needs • Employers continue to seek graduates with strong technical skills, professionalism, and shop readiness. • Greater emphasis will be placed on: - o Shop cleanliness and organization - o Tinting and blending techniques - o Sanding, polishing, and finishing skills - o Professional work habits and accountability • Employers are encouraged to provide feedback to help align curriculum with workforce needs. Open Discussion • Importance of continued industry involvement through mentoring, donations, internships, and classroom participation. • Opportunities to obtain used practice panels from local suppliers and body shops for student training. • Need for experienced paint professionals to mentor advanced students.
• Adjournment	• Meeting concluded with appreciation for industry partners, faculty, and advisory committee members for their continued support of the program and commitment to developing the next generation of collision repair professionals.
Instructor Signature:  Date: 7/3/26 Brent Gandy	
Next Meeting: TBD	