

Automotive Joint Advisory Committee Meeting



AmTech
CAREER ACADEMY



Amarillo College

November 7, 2025

11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**
 - a. Jordan Ramos, Taya Mamba, Jamie Hunter, David Hall, Adriana Soto Rodriguez, Ryan Francis (AC Faculty), Chad Huseman (AmTech Principal), Cassie Davenport (AmTech Counselor), Skeet Fincher (AmTech Instructor), Trey Hilbert (AmTech Instructor) Karyn Pierce (CTE Director), Amanda Head (CTE Coordinator), Christopher Arriazola Sr. & Jr. (Pride & Joy Auto), Bill Frank (Top Gun Auto Services), Lori Byrne (Hart Chevy GMC), Dana Heflin (Premier Truck Group), Aaron Albright (Kroozers), Jason Reed (Street Toyota), Brian Bibiano (Brown Buick GMC), Tyson Payne (DTP Automotive & Diesel), Gustavo Telle (DTP Automotive & Diesel), Gary Burns (Brown Buick GMC)
- **Review and Approve Minutes** - minutes were reviewed and approved
- **AmTech Program Update**
 - a. **Enrollment**
 - i. Total - 161 students in Automotive, 40 students in Collision
 - b. **SkillsUSA updates**
 - i. Trey & Karyn provided more information about the SkillsUSA organization and shared that the District 3 Competition would be held at both Amarillo College East Campus and AmTech Career Academy.
 - ii. We will have a need for judges within the Transportation Industry for the contest. (February 13-14 is the District 3 Contest date)
 - c. **Equipment**
 - i. 10 A-Tech Trainer Boards are going to be purchased - AC Delco Boards
 - ii. New Tool Kits have been beneficial for the larger class sizes and mixed class periods.
 - iii. Collision purchased a new Miller TIG machine for aluminum work.
 - iv. Specialty Bodyshop order is in place for other equipment needs.
 - d. **25/26 Budget**

b. Curriculum Vote

- i. The vote was unanimous in favor of curriculum changes.

● **Employer Needs**

- a. Oscilloscope use for electronics was heavily discussed. The importance of students being exposed to even a one-channel scope would help them in the field.
- i. Pride & Joy offered donating the scopes to the schools to help them facilitate the learning.
- b. Pride & Joy discussed the importance of internships with students. They are very pleased with the work their current intern is doing.
- c. Bill Frank discussed new employees not being able to read the reports from the tools they use to access vehicles.
- d. Students are timid with tools that they aren't familiar with but if we can provide those in class opportunities to use the tools their confidence will grow.

● **Open Discussion**

- a. Dana wanted to know if the "quick videos" discussed at the last AmTech advisory meeting are being used for multi point inspections. Trey shared that they weren't because of multiple issues including, companies not following up on request for more information about the software, cell phones being banned in schools, and limited resources for videoing.
- b. Bill Frank - Professionalism in the industry.

● **Next Meeting - Proposed Friday, May 1, 2026 at Amarillo College**

- a. Industry shared new date, Friday, May 8, 2026 at Amarillo College East Campus

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