

Amarillo College Business and Leadership Councils will ensure to comply with GIPWE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes by incorporating the following agenda items into the meeting minutes. For more information about the characteristics of these committees, review pps. 7-8 in the [GIPWE](#).

- (1) Identification of committee members (**name, title, and affiliation**);
- (2) Indication of the committee members' presence or absence from the meeting;
- (3) The names and title of others present at the meeting;
- (4) The signature of the recorder; and
- (5) Evidence that industry partners have taken an active role in making decisions that affect the program as outlined below:
 - a. Evaluating the goals and objectives of the program curriculum;
 - b. Establishing workplace competencies for the program occupation(s);
 - c. Suggesting program revisions as needed;
 - d. Evaluating the adequacy of existing college facilities and equipment;
 - e. Advising college personnel on the selection and acquisition of new equipment;
 - f. Identifying local business and industry leaders who will provide student with work-based learning experience, employment, and placement opportunities;
 - g. Assisting in the professional development of faculty;
 - h. Assisting in promoting and publicizing the program to the community and to business and industry; and
 - i. Representing the needs of students from special populations as defined in Perkins V.

For recorders/notetakers

Please review the guidelines above and below as you prepare the agenda and/or minutes.

If a motion is made, make note in the section of who made the motion, who seconded, and the include results of vote.

If there is no motion or action being taken on a discussion or a point in the agenda, note "no action or vote taken" in the section.

Signatures and Routing

Upon completion of the minutes, please send to program chair, program coordinator for signature and the Dean for review and final initial before you submit to the library for the electronic archives.

“Program Name”
Business and Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRPERSON:		
MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024	MEETING TIME: 12:00 PM	MEETING LOCATION: Innovation Outpost
RECORDER: Kristi Gossett		PREVIOUS MEETING:

MEMBERS PRESENT: (P = Present) Add nonmembers to bottom of table with heading “Others Present.”

P?	Name and Title (List all)	Business Affiliation	Email	Best contact number
P	Mary Bridges/ Welding Instructor	River Road ISD	Mary.bridges@rrisd.net	509-380-7304
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P	Jace Roberson/ Welding Instructor	West Plains ISD	Jace.roberson@canyonisd.net	806-654-4853
P	Robert Martin/ Sales Manager	Air Gas	Robert.martin@airgas.com	806-395-9902
P	Matt Kiefer/	Midwest Machine	matt@midwestmachinellc.com	806-355-9400
P	Phillip Flores/	Texas Workforce Solutions	pflores@wspanhandle.com	806-220-5746
P	Marc Hamil/ CTE Director	Canyon ISD	Marc.hamil@canyonisd.net	
P	Jesse Barragan/HR and Safety Coordinator	Excel Machinery	jbarragan@excelmach.com	
P	Rene Tamez/Production Manager	Excel Machinery		




P	Jacob Salazar/ Welding Trainer	Amarillo College	Jisalazar24@actx.edu	
P	Levi Plummer/ Welding Instructor	Amarillo College	leplummer@actx.edu	
P	Greg Harrison/Welding Instructor	Amarillo College	G0154811@actx.edu	
P	Johnny Sims/ Welding Instructor	Amarillo College	J0296122@act.edu	
P	David Hall/Dean of Technical Education	Amarillo College	Dhall36@actx.edu	
P	Ryan Francis/Perkins Activities Coordinator	Amarillo College	rfrancis@ctx.edu	
P	Kristi Gossett/Administrative Assistant	Amarillo College	klgossett@actx.edu	

AGENDA ITEMS	Action, Discussion, Information	Responsibility
Old Business:		
Continuing Business:		
New Business:		
Curriculum Decisions:		
Other:		

Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Old Business:	No old business
Continuing Business:	No old business
New Business:	Went through new equipment that was received through Jet grant and Foundation funds. Talked about new classroom.
	Enrollment numbers for Welding is looking really good. Had to open afternoon classes due to so many waitlisted. Phillip questioned course length and cost. Levi stated accelerated path is 9 month afternoon and evening will be 17 months. Unless they're going to an associates then will have to go for general education classes after welding is completed. Cost of program is estimated at \$7,500 cost though can vary depending on student due to materials used. Costs should decrease due to virtual welders. Levi also stated that they're trying to lower their costs further by buying materials students need direct instead of going through bookstore.
	Jesse from Excel Machinery stated that they are currently looking to fill a few welding spots
	Working on getting students dual credit for college classes in high school so they are able to go into the industry faster if they choose to do so. There was discussion on OSHA 10 being one of those classes due to the fact that it's taught both in high school and college level
	Phillip asked if we are receiving enough students to fulfill industry need. Stated there are numerous amounts of employers coming and have a great need for welders. It was determined currently there aren't enough students to fulfill industry need.
	Levi stated that AWS in the future will be doing away with the plastic certification cards.
	Area schools are wanting to see a higher partnership in recruitment and events.

	There was talk on students possibly touring different places of employment. Levi mentioned that's hard to do for night time students since businesses normally are closed when these students are in class. Jesse from Excel Machining advised that he would be more than happy to allow after hours tours for those students.
	Ryan mentioned that women in industry will be coming up and he's wanting to push out information to everyone about that. Phillip stated that Texas workforce does something similar and would love to join forces.
Curriculum Decisions:	
Other:	
Adjourn:	

MINUTES

Committee Chairperson:	MEETING DATE:	NEXT MEETING:
Recorder's Signature: 		
DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 8-22-24	
DIVISION DEAN'S SIGNATURE 	DATE: 08/26/2024	