

Business Leadership Council Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME: Construction
RECORDER: Jamie Hunter
CHAIRPERSON: Ernie Sheets

MEETING DATE: 2 July 2025
MEETING TIME: 11:15 AM-12:00 PM
MEETING PLACE: East Campus/MEC 112

PREVIOUS MEETING:
AGENDA: [July 2 2025 Construction BLC Agenda](#)
PPT: [Construction BLC Presentation](#)

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Welcome & Introduction	<p>Welcome (Ernie Sheets) & Attendee Introductions</p> <p>AC staff who were in attendance were introduced.</p>
Agenda	<p>Ernie Sheets presented agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Introductions II. New Staff Position (Jamie Hunter) III. Program Status – Student Enrollment and Job Placement IV. Program Highlights – Staff, Guest Speakers, Internships, High School Dual Credit V. Employer open floor discussion of KSA's VI. Save the Date and Job fair VII. Adjourn

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<p>New Staff Member Introduction</p>	<p>New Staff Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie's addition will improve the department's ability to connect employers with potential hires. She will focus on East Campus programs to assist with employment as a Career Navigator/ Employer Liaison. <p>Introduction (Jamie Hunter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie's role as Employer Liaison is to serve employers by building relationships and helping fill job roles. This includes establishing partnerships, internships, site visits, and employer presentations for students. Requested guest to fill out Business Profile that will be sent again in next newsletter. As the Career Navigator she is meeting with students for resume writing, interview prep, and providing open job opportunities. She will focus on feedback from employers to develop co-curricular activities that build professional skills. The aim is to prepare students for the workforce by improving interpersonal communication and establishing an understanding of professional behavior and expectation. She hopes to also build an alumni network to push job opportunities to both current students and alumni. <p>Employer-Student Engagement Room (Ernie Sheets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new conference room is available for employer-student engagement. Employers can schedule the room to set up information, use the TV and computers, and allow students to access websites and applications. The room can be scheduled for repeated use. Follow-up information, including the agenda, PowerPoint PDF, and contact information, will be provided. Instructors are willing to allow employers to visit classes to engage with students.
<p>Program Status</p>	<p>Student Enrollment and Job Placement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall 2022 accelerated cohort had 10 graduates. Employers included Pratt Plumbing, PCS, Pioneer Millwork, Palo Duo Builders, Furman Land Surveyors, and Childer's Brothers. The Fall 2024 cohort currently has 12 students. For Fall 2025, 6 students are currently enrolled, with projections for 12-15.
<p>Program Highlights</p>	<p>Instructional Staff Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Downing – SME: Building Codes, Building Science; Instruction: Building Codes and Inspections Jordan Duggan – SME: Residential Design and Construction; Instruction: Residential and Light Construction Drawings Ben McMurry – SME: Finish Carpentry, Cabinetry, Drywall, Roofing; Instruction: Carpentry Classes Craig Schrader – SME: Framing, Finish Carpentry, Drywall, Interior/Exterior Finishes; Instruction: Carpentry Classes John Esler (Pratt Plumbing) – SME: Supplemental Instruction <p>Guest Speaker Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest speakers help students understand industry opportunities. Western Builders and Caldwell Builders conducted mock interviews and praised student readiness. They expressed interest in hiring all students if space permitted. <p>Habitat and Code Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in the co-op class will complete hours with Habitat. Students will ride along with Amarillo city building inspectors (3-4 days, 8 hours/day). <p>Dual Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual credit interest is increasing due to House Bill 8. Program uses NCCER curriculum aligned with high school core curriculum (nine basic courses). Tulia High School completed the core with 15 students this spring.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating high schools: Canyon, Hereford, Covina Scott. • Strengthens secondary-to-postsecondary pathways.
KSA Discussion	<p>Defined Knowledge Skills and Abilities</p> <p>Employer Suggestions to address skills gaps for student KSAs: read a tape measure, show up on time, work the assigned hours, budgeting/personal finances, safety, workplace expectations trainings. AC grads do a mentoring/sharing program, be able to use Excel, persistence trait.</p>
Save the Date and Job Fair	<p>Job Fair and Handshake (Sterling Clark)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Campus will host a large job fair. • Handshake platform connects students and employers. • Employers can post jobs and students can explore opportunities. • Follow-up email will include Handshake and contact details.
Dismissal and Lunch	<p>Attendees were dismissed to eat and network.</p>
<p>RECORDER SIGNATURE: </p> <p>CHAIR SIGNATURE: </p> <p>Next Meeting: September 15, 2025</p>	