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FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes  
Chairperson Paul Von Berg  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022  
2 p.m.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order and roll was taken at 2:11 p.m.

Paul Von Berg, Rafter Christopher Christophersen Sr., Louis Ontiveros, Mitch De Anda and DAS Chief Eric Rood

Absent: Chip Martin and Larry Hopkins

A quorum was met.

II. Review/approve previous Minutes

A motion and a second for approval of the January 26, 2022, meeting minutes. All approved. The motion carried

III. Discussions and suggestions on future Forum topics.

Joshua Johnson is the director of Jobs for the Future's National Innovation Hub for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Registered Apprenticeship, which is operated by the organization's Center for Apprenticeship & Work Based Learning. In that role, he leads efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in apprenticeship, with a specific focus on helping employers make commitments to building inclusive Registered Apprenticeship programs. Joshua was the forum speaker for today's meeting. He stated that they are currently funded by USDOL to Work under White House initiative. The Biden initiatives and to create equity at the center of apprenticeship. He

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stated that they look forward to working with the Biden Administration to create a more resilient, more prosperous, and more equitable future.

Prior to this Joshua was the state director of apprenticeship in Wisconsin. In that role, he oversaw growth in all initiatives related to the creation of intentional career pathways for Wisconsin citizens.

Questions and comments from the apprenticeship community.

Discussed possible forum speakers and looking into Workforce development board regarding grant applications for our next meeting. Asked if we can speak to Tim Rainey who is the Executive Director of the California Workforce Development Board to present.

Although mental health is now more widely discussed, a greater cultural shift is needed to remove the stigma associated with conditions such as depression. Apprentices need to feel confident to share information with their employer and training provider.

IV. Other Items of Interest

None.

V. Adjournment

Adjournment was at 2:58 p.m.