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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2025
FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING
CCA/CAC LIASION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Chair Benjamin Rivera

Co-Chair Sheri Learmonth

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Chairperson Benjamin Rivera called the meeting to order at 9:00am by starting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. DAS Chief Adele Burnes conducted the roll call.
 - i. Members Present: Benjamin Rivera, Sheri Learmonth(remote), Alex Beltran, Todd Braverman, Mark Burri (remote), Mike Rivers, and DAS Chief Adele Burnes
 - ii. Members Absent: Shelly Doran

II. Review/Approve Previous Minutes

- a. All Members present approved the previous minutes from the 3rd Quarterly CAC Meeting in San Diego with no questions or comments.
- b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Mike Rivers gave a detailed treasurer's report.
 - ii. The balance at the end of August was \$ 35,890.80.
 - iii. Since August 2025, additional participant payments, a LiUNA Local 1184 sponsorship and a Northwestern Mutual sponsorship increased the balance to \$55,090.80.
 - iv. Dues/participation payments may be made at www.CAC-CCA.org

- v. All Members present approved the Treasurer's Report.

III. 2026 California Conference on Apprenticeship – CCA

- a. Benjamin Rivera stated the California Conference on Apprenticeship (CCA) 2026 will be at the Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country located at 170 Railroad Street, Santa Rosa, California, 95401. Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport is the nearest airport.
- b. The event will take place May 5-7, 2026.
- c. The networking event is coordinated by Don Simonich and will be at the Valley of the Moon Golf Club at 7025 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa, California, 95409. There will be a luncheon and tee-time start. Donations for the event are welcome, including for tea box signs (\$100 each); branded golf balls (80 sleeves), tees, ball markers & repair tools; cash for prizes; hole-in-one insurance (two available; prize \$10,000+). Contact Don Simonich or Benjamin for more information.
- d. Breakout topics under development include: RSI funding; grants & good grant management; best practices; apprenticeship & degrees; mental health; partnerships with Workforce Development Boards and CBOs; veterans-focused outreach. Speaker slots remain available; contact Benjamin Rivera for more information.
- e. Commissioner Learmonth requested participants/sponsors/supporters to provide personal business email addresses (not generic company mailboxes) to reduce bounce-backs and ensure continuity for future cycles (including the 2028 biannual CCA). Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting.
- f. Three Hall of Fame nominations have been received to date. The submission window is extended through December 31. Per process, the Public Relations Subcommittee will review/vote at the 1st Quarterly CAC Meeting in January 2026, then results are presented to the full Council the next day.
- g. DAS is assisting with outreach and encourages early registration and hotel reservations to smooth demand.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.