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**FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING****Minutes**

Chairperson Paul Von Berg

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Forums Committee was called to order by Chief Rood, acting on behalf of Chair Paul Von Berg, at 2:09 p.m.

Commissioners present:

- Forums' Chair Paul Von Berg
- Jason Rafter
- Larry Hopkins
- Chief Rood

Not present:

- Chip Martin
- Frank Quintero

A quorum was met.

II. Review/Approve Previous Minutes

Minutes from the May 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made with a second and the minutes were approved.

III. Meeting Proceedings

Chief Rood discussed that Dr. Forest Olaf Peterson, from Stanford University, stated in our last meeting he could line up speakers around Virtual Design and Construction or VDC, which is a type of technology that creates digital models of buildings and project sites. Architects, engineers, and contractors use VDC models to visualize and plan building designs, processes, schedules, budgets, and more. They will be our forum speakers for tomorrow's California Apprenticeship Council Meeting.

IV. Discussions and Suggestions on Future Agenda Items

The Commissioners discussed potential topics for future meetings. The following suggestions were noted:

1. **Speakers on Disabilities:** Chris recommended inviting a speaker to discuss issues related to physical and neurological disabilities, particularly focusing on opportunities for registered apprenticeships.
2. **Labor and Workforce Development Agency:** It was proposed to invite Stuart Knox, the new Labor Secretary of the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, to

provide insight into his leadership and the complex interactions between workforce and economic development under his jurisdiction.

3. **Synchronous and Asynchronous teaching** methods in Apprenticeship. Lots of discussion regarding this topic from the apprenticeship community.

DAS Chief Eric Rood expressed interest in identifying potential speakers for these topics.

V. Other Items of Interest

DAS Chief Eric Rood made an announcement that Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.