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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2026
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
FORUMS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
2:00 p.m.
Chairperson Alex Beltran

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

a. Chairperson Beltran called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

b. DAS Chief Adele Burnes conducted the roll call.

i. Members Present: Alex Beltran, Randall Chenworth, Chuck Poss, and Jason Rafter.

ii. Members Absent: Larry Hopkins.

II. Review/Approve Previous Minutes

a. **MOTION:** Member moved to approve the minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting, held in Los Angeles on January 28, 2026. Member seconded. The motion passed without discussion.

III. Discussion on guest speakers with topics to benefit the apprenticeship world

a. Workforce Pell

b. Mental Health

c. Addiction

d. Financial Wellness

e. Equal opportunity initiatives

i. Commissioner Alex Beltran is working on getting speakers for the above discussions. He has recently met with EWI which is established statewide

training standard and coworker card of ecological restoration for trades workers.

ii. **MOTION:** Member moved to approve having EWI do a presentation at the 4th Quarterly Meeting in Visalia on October 29, 2026. Member seconded. The motion passed without discussion.

iii. The presentation will be limited to 30 minutes, 15 minutes for the presentation and 15 minutes for the questions. We are only looking for people to educate and not to sell anything.

iv. Chief Adele Burnes suggested that the Workforce Pell should be in the 1st Quarterly Meeting in January 2027.

v. Ben Rivera said he will send Commissioner Alex Beltran forward the list of organizations that he can investigate.

IV. Old Business

a. None.

V. New Business

a. None.

VI. Public Comment

a. None.

VII. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:14 p.m.