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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2026
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Chairperson Yvonne de la Peña

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

a. Chair Yvonne de la Peña, participating remotely, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

b. DAS Chief Adele Burnes conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

i. Members present: Yvonne de la Peña (remote), Chuck Poss, Mark Burri (remote), Larry Hopkins, Jason Rafter, Earl Restine, Hugo de la Torre, and Gary Adams.

ii. Members absent: Shelly Doran.

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. Review of Bill Status

a. SB 135: Budget trailer bill that provided $16 million to backfill RSI shortfalls for fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26.

b. SB 111: Budget Act of 2026.

c. AB 1707: Electrician certification application, examination, and renewal.

d. AB 1980: Creates the Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeships Grant Program within DAS. The bill is on the suspense file pending its fiscal impact and needs an appropriation to be effective.

e. AB 2550: Women in the Construction Industry report. This data reporting bill brings EDD, DAS, and registered apprenticeship into the workforce capacity analysis.

f. ACR 145: Women in Construction resolution. Adopted.

g. SB 909: Public works. Increases the contractor registration fee by $200.

h. SB 1024: Firefighter postpartum and recovery leave.

i. SB 1299: State Fire Marshal Fire Suppression Education and Training Safety Act.

j. AB 135: Budget trailer bill establishing credit for prior learning initiatives, including registered and nontraditional apprenticeships.

k. AB 1694: Career Technical Education Incentive Grant.

l. AB 805: Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program.

m. SB 75: Vetoed.

n. SB 845: Companion to AB 805; implements the Career Apprenticeship Bridge Program.

o. SB 1059: Employment Training Panel workforce training funding. Allows electronic records to meet compliance requirements, reducing paperwork for contractors.

p. SB 1227: Department of Industrial Relations Apprenticeship Pilot Program.

q. AB 1904: Establishes a formal co-vetting and approval process for credentialed educator apprenticeship programs.

r. AB 2206: Community college teacher credentialing.

IV. Budget Update

a. Chair de la Peña presented the budget overview. The RSI hourly rate for Schedules 2 and 3 under Proposition 98 is $10.61, up from $3 ten years ago. Allocations depend on factors including property tax adjustments, deferrals, and base adjustments.

b. The Labor and Workforce Development Agency received $2.3 billion in state funding, with an additional $995 million allocated to DIR. Full funding keeps DIR and DAS staffed and able to fund IACA trade grants. Cal/OSHA enforcement funding supports safety and technical work.

c. SB 111 is the final adopted budget. Schedule 2 funds Chancellor's Office programs at the community colleges; Schedule 3 funds LEAs under the California Department of Education.

d. SB 135 addresses the prior underfunding.

V. Old Business

a. None.

VI. New Business

a. None.

VII. Public Comment

a. Chris Moorhead, Western Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, asked about AB 889, which requires annualizing fringe benefits in public works payroll reporting, and how auditing and enforcement will work. Chair de la Peña said the bill was not on the list and she will include it in the future.

b. Meg Vasey asked whether AB 1980 and AB 2550 pass automatically if they remain on the suspense file. Chair de la Peña said they do not; a bill held on suspense dies or becomes a two-year bill.

VIII. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

b. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2026, in Visalia.