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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2026
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
RELATED SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
9:30 a.m.
Chairperson Jack Buckhorn

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

a. Chair Jack Buckhorn called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

i. Members present: Jack Buckhorn, Alex Beltran, Sheri Learmonth, Hugo de la Torre, Gary Adams, and Randall Chenworth.

ii. Members absent: Yvonne de la Peña.

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. Old Business

a. Update on K-12 and Community College Audit Guide Language

i. Allison Frenzel, California Department of Education, reported that in February the Education Audit Appeals Panel approved starting the permanent rulemaking process for the audit guide, with the heading "Suggested Audit Procedures" removed. She expected a status update that afternoon and planned to report it at the full CAC meeting on August 13.

IV. New Business

a. None.

V. Public Comment

a. Audit guide language

i. Ana Gray, Los Angeles Unified School District, said the proposed K-12 audit language omitted the word "suggested" and that she had filed a public records request. She thanked the Chancellor's Office for submitting the CAC-approved language, which matches the community college audit guide, and urged that both guides use identical language and procedures.

b. RSI funding

i. Oscar Meier Los Angeles Unified School District, said the district expected an additional $60 million appropriation to arrive in the usual form, but it came through higher education. He asked whether there would be new money for RSI.

ii. Dr. Sabrina Lopez, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, said the 2026-27 hourly rate for Schedules 2 and 3 rose 2.81%, but the funding gap remains. The one-time shortfall request grew from $13.4 million to $16 million. The budget included the cost-of-living adjustment and the one-time shortfall funding. The Chancellor's Office request to keep the base allocation ahead of formula increases was not funded.

c. Letter to the Board of Governors

i. Commissioner Gary Adams said six budget proposals for 2027-28 would increase apprenticeship funding and support, and that apprenticeship will be presented to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors in November. He suggested drafting a resolution before that meeting, at the Fourth Quarterly CAC Meeting in October.

ii. Chief Burnes suggested that two commissioners draft a letter and bring it to the committee at its next meeting, so the drafting group would not be subject to Bagley-Keene. She noted that the coming budget year spans a change of governors.

iii. Commissioners Jack Buckhorn and Gary Adams volunteered to draft the letter for the Fourth Quarter RSI meeting. Ana Gray asked that the letter specifically request more RSI allocation hours. Commissioner Adams agreed, and Ana Gray agreed to help draft it.

d. RSI hour transfers

i. Dr. Jennifer Pesavento, Los Angeles County Office of Education, formerly with North Orange County ROP, thanked the committee for getting the Chancellor's Office to issue the RSI allocation memo on July 23. She said the allocations did not transfer hours, so North Orange County ROP cannot hire the staff needed to support the Laborers Training School. She asked that the hours be transferred to North Orange County ROP through Anaheim Union High School District this fiscal year.

ii. Dr. Lopez said she would investigate whether a letter is feasible and that the intent is to fund all RSI hours, through the recalculation period or one-time shortfall funds.

iii. Commissioner Alex Beltran said hours should transfer automatically when paperwork is filed in advance, regardless of the LEA. Because the recalculation runs a quarter ahead, reimbursement depends on the funds available at that time.

iv. Dalbir Syngh said that when a program was funded in prior years and a request is received, those hours are funded in the recalculation. The P1 funding can be adjusted for a transfer program, and the January report will show the change.

v. Commissioner Adams said he will work with Dr. Pacivento offline on a letter so the district can hire the staff.

VI. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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