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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2026
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING
RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 2026
2:30 p.m.
Chairperson Richard Harris

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

a. Chair Richard Harris called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

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

i. Members present: Richard Harris, Randall Chenworth, Hugo de la Torre, Mark Burri (remote), Larry Hopkins, Jack Buckhorn, Chuck Poss, and Jason Rafter.

ii. Members absent: Todd Braverman.

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. Status Update on Proposed Changes to Section 212.2 of the California Code of Regulations

a. Chief Burnes described a concern with the proposed revision. As drafted, a program that amends its work processes or adds occupations would face the same scrutiny as a new program, including commitments to safe worksite facilities and to providing skilled workers. She asked whether the committee wants to keep that threshold.

b. Commissioner Jack Buckhorn said an existing program has already been through that scrutiny, so an amendment adding occupations or work processes should be reviewed without starting from scratch. He said a common-sense approach could still meet the statutory requirement and current regulations.

c. Carrie Bushman cited Labor Code Section 3075d, which states that an application

to expand an existing program to additional occupations is treated as an application for a new program, and asked how DAS has handled this in practice. Chief Burnes said new occupations are treated as new programs. The concern is that the revision would also treat small work process amendments, such as changing ten words or adding ten work processes, as new programs.

d. Chris Jorgensen, ABC SoCal, said all programs had to resubmit their standards about 18 months ago and many are still awaiting approval; she has been unable to update an email address while waiting. She asked whether the pause meant another delay. Chief Burnes said the pause applies only to the rulemaking package initiated after the First Quarter CAC meeting; standards review continues.

e. Eileen Goldsmith said the questions Chief Burnes raised deserve serious internal discussion and that she will look at them closely.

f. Oscar Meier, Los Angeles Unified School District, said the needs test had cost the district federal program eligibility. He said the legislation sets good standards, that a single word can change the effect on his work, and urged a thorough process.

g. Commissioner Buckhorn asked whether the revision was still in internal DAS review before going to OAL. Chief Burnes confirmed it was, and that it was close to submission when these questions arose. Commissioner Buckhorn asked to see DAS's current process and the proposed process before the regulations are adopted. Chief Burnes agreed to bring the proposal to the next meeting.

h. Chair Harris said the presentation will show the current DAS process and a proposed improvement to address concerns with the current process. Commissioners Jack Buckhorn and Hugo de la Torre will work with Chief Burnes to prepare them for the next meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. None.

V. New Business

a. None.

VI. Public Comment

a. There was no public comment beyond the comments under Item III.

VII. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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