



**CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2026  
FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING  
FORUMS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
2:00 p.m.**

**Chairperson Alex Beltran**

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - a. Chairperson Beltran called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00pm.
  - b. DAS Chief Adele Burnes conducted the roll call.
    - i. Members Present: Chuck Poss, Alex Beltran, Larry Hopkins, Jason Rafter, and DAS Chief Adele Burnes.
    - ii. Members Absent: Randall Chenworth and Frank Quintero
- II. Review/Approve Previous Minutes
  - a. There were no minutes because the meeting was cancelled on November 5, 2025, in Sacramento, California. The committee did not reach a quorum.
- III. Discussion
  - a. Future Forum Speakers– Chairperson Beltran.
    - i. Suggestions included: Credit for Prior Learning (Chancellor’s Office) and the Workforce Pell(Q4). Mental health, addictions, financial wellness, and Equal opportunity initiatives.
    - ii. Commissioner Adams volunteered to present on Credit for Prior Learning in May and discussed the benefits of the program. Chief Adele Burnes recommended that the presentation can be done in August because of the abbreviated CAC meeting in May because of the California Conference on Apprenticeship.

- iii. Topics that were suggested: Chief Burns recommend a presentation about Workforce Pell (Q4). The Regional Occupational programs since they do not receive funding anymore and would like to be considered for the Workforce Pell. The CCA may have some presenters that could be a part of future Forum meetings. Suggested integrating apprenticeship utilization into public works

IV. Other Items of Interest/Public Comment

- a. None.

V. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:14pm