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CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL 2026
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
CCA/CAC LIASION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

8:00 a.m.

Chairperson Sheri Learmonth

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Meeting opened by Chairperson.
 - i. Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:00am and started the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. DAS Chief Adele Burnes conducted the roll call.
 - i. Members Present: Louis Ontiveros, Alex Beltran, Hugo de la Torre, Larry Hopkins, Mark Burri, Randal Chenworth, Earl Restine, Frank Quintero, Sheri Learmonth, Shelly Doran, Jack Buckhorn, Stefania Stanley, and Chief Adele Burnes.
 - ii. Members Absent: Yvonne de la Pena, Chuck Poss, Richard Harris, Jason Rafter, and Gary Adams.
- c. Please make sure to have your badges ready and are required for certain activities throughout the conference especially for the Hall of Fame.
- d. Introduced Chief Adele Burnes and mentioned that she started at the CAC in 2021 as the assistant chief, working with Chief Barrett Reid at the time. In 2025, she has now become the new chief of DAS.
- e. Chief Adele Burnes - National Apprenticeship Week technically ended last week, but we plan to keep the celebration going during this conference. She thanked Commissioner Sheri Learmonth and Senator Barrera. She talked about her experience so far as the chief and she appreciated being able to be a part of this community and to serve it. As DAS, we certainly want to do our part in increase accountability and transparency in service of creating a system of apprenticeship so that everyone can effectively run their programs.
- f. About a year ago we implemented a significant budget proposal to increase the CAC training funds from \$3 million a year to \$20 million a year. And we

recently made an announcement with a press release celebrating the \$18.6 million that have been deployed to all your programs. Our governor celebrated this announcement and if you haven't already gotten your check, its in the mail. We hope this will contribute to helping you sustain your program, grow your program, and of course, maintain that high quality bar for your program. Ben Palazzolo from the DAS team will be joining us on Friday for the CAC meeting to share some more details about that. We would also love to hear feedback from you as well.

- g. In 2021, DAS, with the support of Glenn Foreman, published a completions dashboard to give real-time transparent data to you and all your programs. Also, DOL recently announced that they are going to also do a completions dashboard. So once again California is leading the way. So, we are continuing to make the dashboard better with more options and categories.
- h. We have two new team members at DAS. First is Jamie Mather, Assistant Chief, focused on apprenticeship operations and the staff aid to the CAC. Second is Caleb van Docto the new Deputy Chief focused on apprenticeship expansion, IACA programs, and working through the standards backlog.

II. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.