

Welding Advisory Meeting
June 3, 2021
Via Zoom at 1pm

ATTENDANCE Clyde Bradford, Depke Welding; Terri Cummings, DACC; Matt Grandone, Mervis; Dr. Natalie Page, DACC; Jeff Primmer, DACC; R.J. Rowland, DACC; Kerri Thurman, DACC; Stephanie Yates, DACC

REPORTS There were no reports.

OLD BUSINESS There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS R.J. gave an update on the class offerings. All welding classes are 8-weeks in length and classes are offered 1st and 2nd 8-weeks. Students attend Monday-Friday 8-11:50. The advanced classes require students to complete 22 welding processes on their own. DACC has a registered apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor. This allows students to participate in local industries doing welding and WIOA pays for part of their salary and possibly some of their training costs.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR The needs of the welding industry are constant. Illini Castings (Mervis) are adding booths and will need welders to fill positions. All welding industries need more welders, people of a younger age.

One suggestion was to hire employees that fit in with the industry culture and bring them to DACC so they can be trained. The industry is also needing semi-skilled torchmen. This process does not require as many skills and may be a good fit for students that like to weld, but are not skilled enough to complete the other welding process.

DATE of NEXT MEETING TBD 2022

MINUTES SUBMITTED by: Respectfully submitted,

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