



## MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

### TECHNICIAN CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

Date: November 1, 2016

Time: 2:00 PM CST

Location: Met by conference call and WebEx

<https://meetings.webex.com/collabs/#/meetings/detail?uuid=IBVPLUEPHPMR4QU8DXHKT16XHH-14GQ5>

#### **Present:**

Heath Wilson	Chairman, Maverick Transportation
Edith Lozano	Tyson Foods, Inc., Secretary
Sarah Sheets	Arkansas Trucking Association
Jeremy Goff	ABF Freight
Mike Martin	Distribution Solutions, Inc.
Grant Hunt	J.B. Hunt
Brian Drew	Lite-Check
Tyson Sontag	McKee Foods
Mike Donnelly	MHC Kenworth
Bill Simmons	Reyco Granning
Kenneth Calhoun	Truck Centers of Arkansas
Ronnie Keene	Tyson Foods, Inc.
Matt Panning	Tyson Foods, Inc.
Donnie James	Walmart Transportation
Ann Tucker	Arkansas Department of Career and Education
Brian Rogers	Arkansas Department of Career and Education
Frank Lynch	ASE/NATEF
George Arrants	ASE/NATEF
Judy Winslett	Gentry Public Schools
John Sherman	Harrison School Board
Christie Toland	North Little Rock School District

- I. Call to order: at 2:00 PM CST by presiding officer Heath Wilson, welcome to second meeting via WebEx.
- II. Officer Heath Wilson called for motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes – motion approved.
- III. Unfinished business reviewed by Heath Wilson regarding the secondary schools receiving Perkins funding; asked Kenneth Calhoun for update. List of schools gathered with the help of Ann Tucker and Dr. Childress is included in the meeting planner – documents provided on WebEx. Sarah shared her screen with the group and confirmed that it was the file titled "Secondary and Postsecondary Schools". The list is short. There are a few schools that are partnering with postsecondary institutions and offering classes, however there are none described in terms of the Perkins funding as medium and heavy duty diesel offering. None of them are claiming to be diesel comprehensive programs at this time. Ann Tucker stated that the

only ones that could be considered fully ready are the ones listed as NATEF certified, which there is one in Beebe (postsecondary). Concerning secondary, there are three secondary programs and all three are on college campuses, which lead into the postsecondary, but none of those postsecondary are NATEF certified. At this point she cannot affirm that the postsecondary are complete programs of study. Secondary are only required to do diesel breaks and diesel electrical systems. Frank Lynch interjected and stated he had already visited Northwest Technical Institute, which are not NATEF at this point but working to obtain it. Frank also mentioned Pulaski Technical College in Little Rock. Ann stated that Pulaski is an automotive technical college and is NATEF certified but believes that the diesel program is not. Mid-South Community College in West Memphis is another one Frank mentioned and Ann affirmed that they are not NATEF certified but have expressed interest in becoming certified. Frank stated that he plans to visit the last two schools he mentioned to help them understand what they need to do to achieve that goal. Frank is looking for a “triage” of postsecondary schools starting with the three schools he just mentioned to get the process going and engage with schools who can be guided along the way.

- IV. Proceeded to the discussion related to a procedure for private donations from industry to schools. Kenneth has been working on that. At the moment it will be a relatively short white paper. From a federal level, if the donation is related to equipment, the benefit to this transaction would be what you would actually do if the company retained ownership through standard depreciation schedule. If the piece of equipment being donated has already reached full depreciation, then there’s no tax benefit from a federal level. From the state level, Kenneth continues to research that and may need assistance to finding out if/what are the advantages of said donations. This item will remain on the to-do list.
- V. Update on Career of Excellence by Christie Toland. Were able to get approval from the charter authorizing panel for the Center of Excellence in August of 2017. Will have within the center transportation/distribution/logistics; advance manufacturing; health care; and engineering in computer science. These will be the main pathways with the focus of personalized learning. The final step will be the state board will vote on November 10, which will establish final approval. Heath added that he attended the hearing and witnessed that the board was very interested in what industry had to say. Christie and Beth did a great job presenting the case.
- VI. Unfinished business: in the previous meeting we discussed visiting the schools and seeing what and how they were doing. Sarah pulled up the facility evaluation form. We need to formulate the team: 3-4 core members who are willing to go to all of them as well as members who would like to participate in their own area. George has volunteered to do the first evaluation with the core members. Heath asked for volunteers for the core group of inspectors. Kenneth Calhoun, Donnie James, Frank Lynch, and Heath. The question was raised on joining as a process observer. The answer was positive. No opposition from the committee to begin this process. Frank stated that we should set some expectations that the visit should be more of a fact-finding visit as to not be surprised or concerned about what we will be seeing during the visit. We need to be able to see what we need to see to help them make their program better. Giving the schools advance notice of the checklist is not advised as they will work on getting the site ready and not give us a true picture of what we should walk into. Timeline for visits to be determined.
- VII. New business: Jones and Barlett Learning who publish the CDX automotive learning material has reached out to us and would like to present to the committee the learning curricula. Motion to invite this organization to one of our meetings and present via a webinar; motion passed.  
<http://www.jblearning.com/cdxautomotive/>
- VIII. No open items of discussion at this time from the committee. Frank and George spoke of a curriculum task force at TMC. Will create a survey that will include all of the NATEF tasks by category and some questions around that. The survey will be sent out to the entire membership asking participants to review the current task list and asking them to speak to what tasks are

important to them from an entry level technician. Data will be compiled and reviewed by the committee and categorize it as it is done today from an automotive perspective maintenance, repair, and advance level. This task force/committee will send to NATEF for review the early part of next year. This will allow tremendous amount of input from industry as it relates to what is important and industry will also come up with potential new skills needed such as soft skills, environmental, employability, and safety. The survey should go out within next month to the entire TMC membership. Will be sorted out by who's making the input: a supplier, independent shop, a dealer, and analyze data based on those categories. It will look at how people selected those tasks in the tasks list as a broad brush across the industry as well as what are the items that everyone agrees with. They can create multiple levels of accreditation based on the information gathered. Employers will carry the most weight because they are the ones carrying the bulk of hiring for skills and needs.