



Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!

Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC)

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Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Career and Educational Advisory Council (CEAC) Meeting Minutes December 5, 2023 Location: Boss Snowplow

I. Call to Order

Ms. Ashley Nevins called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm ET.

II. Roll call

The following members were present:

Ashley Nevins
Tammy Rutledge
Michael Mulligan
Trent Bellinger
Emily Geiger
Cindy Carter
Erich Ziegler
Mike Smith
Chris Standerford
Rob Lambert
Roy Del Valle
Corey Soumis
Pam Versailles
Kevin St. Onge

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Approval of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

The CEAC minutes for August 8, 2023, were up for approval. Mr. Mike Smith made a motion to approve the CEAC meeting minutes of August 8, with support from Mr. Chris Standerford, all in favor, motion passes.

V. Boss snowplow presentation and tour

One of the valued local employers in the upper peninsula, Boss Snowplow, provided a host site for the CEAC and gave a tour and presentation to the CEAC members.



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VI. Legislative Discussion

Representatives Gregory Markkanen and Jenn Hill attended the CEAC meeting to discuss legislative topics with the. The group shared success stories across the upper peninsula (UP).

Other topics discussed:

- 61b CTE funding
- Teacher externships
- The Going Pro Talent Fund
- Apprenticeships
- Youth Paid Work Experience
- UP funding for CTE programs
- Adult CTE 107 Funding
- Restricted funding rules
- Transportation being a barrier
- Lack and expense of UP driver's education classes being a barrier.
- Growth opportunities in the UP

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next CEAC meeting will be held in March. Location TBD.