



## **Spring 2021 Program Advisory Committee Minutes**

**Program:** Construction Craft Laborers

**Date:** 4/7/21 @ 6pm

**Members Present:** M. Palmer, N. Pavone, L. Mandarinini, Mary Plourde,  
J. Vanderkloot, B. McGrory

**Program Facilitator:** Matt Palmer

**Committee Chair:** Nick Pavone

**Subject:** **Student Enrollment/Class of 2024**

**Discussion:** Four students are enrolled for 2024 and we believe that we should get more this year and next year for class of 2024. This seems likely because virtual school may lead to lower enrollment, as there was not the opportunity for as much hands-on learning as there would be during the average year. Nick Pavone will get brochures for all of next year's new students from the academy. We discussed looking into having orientation with guidance counselors at feeder schools so that they will be familiar with the program and able to discuss it with their students.

**Subject:** **On Campus Learning Update**

**Discussion:** We returned to full time for CTE in March. Work on Larkin is now progressing. Zoom for CTE, when necessary, remains difficult. Both students and instructors are happy to be back on ground.



**Subject: Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review**

**Discussion:** Jayme brought up that we could use more hands-on learning, and other instructors agreed. We would like to bring in more experts in specific topics, such as pipe laying and concrete placement. We discussed a new, more user friendly format of the curriculum for instructor use. Lou Mandarini encouraged us to consider today's construction and likely future construction as we review the curriculum in order to ensure that instruction is relevant to what students would be likely to encounter in the workplace. Nick Pavone mentioned that, at Durfee, the students build a bridge in their space every year, and instructors would like to learn more about that project and consider similar projects in our program in the future.

**Subject: Senior Portfolio Showcase**

**Discussion:** Not applicable- As of right now, we have no Essex Tech seniors for the next two years.

**Subject: Employee Outlook/Industry Trends**

**Discussion:** Not discussed specifically

**Subject: Recommendations for Program**

**Discussion:** We recommended creating a miniature Skill Competition alongside other craft laborer programs in the area. See Curriculum Bias/Programmatic Review section for other recommendations.



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**Subject:** **New Business**

**Discussion:** We would like to get media for the Larkin concrete pour on May 3rd, local or otherwise. The laborer's apprentice program will be taking applications from the seniors on campus in May. We discussed Peabody potentially ending participation in the after dark program. Lou Mandarinini will meet with the mayor to stress how important the program is for Peabody High School students.

The meeting adjourned at (time): 6:49pm