Palomar College

Auto Body Collision Repair & Refinishing Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

# Welcome and Introductions

David Wright led the introductions at 5PM.

Present:

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| David Wright | Auto Body Lead Instructor  | Palomar College |
| Carrie Espinoza | Trades & Industry, ADA | Palomar College |
| Salvador Vera | Autopark Collision |  |
| Chuck Kammer | Caliber Collison |  |
| Saul Palafax | Palafax Distributors |  |
| Daisy Feria | Palafax Distributors |  |
| Jose Paredes | Meza Automotive Paint |  |
| Scott Hillery | Autopark Collision |  |
| Frank Meza | Meza Automotive Paint |  |
| Sean Dell | So Cal Rods and Custom |  |
| Dustyn Dell | So Cal Rods and Custom |  |

# Approval of Last advisory meeting minutes

* David went through minutes and invited Mary to address the group. Mary commended David for his work.
* David shared the success of a student who is now employed by Jose Paredes at Meza Automotive Paint.
* David talked about the Training and Employment Program high points and sought input from the Advisory Committee to contribute. Suggestions from committee, high interest in Cooperative Education and recognizing its potential.
* David is concerned about the unusual trend of student no-shows.
* Another trend is students are procrastinating their computer tests until the very last minute.
* The committee contributed a lively discussion about potential careers.

# Budget (Review)

* Meza addressed the topic of inflation.
* Palafax reports a significant number of recent company ownership changes.
* Strong workforce grants, etc. put forth.
* Perkins funds.

# Tools and Equipment

* The committee offered thoughts on modernizing equipment.

# Curriculum

* The curriculum recommended providing students with essential equipment such as laptops.
* Marty at Autopark Collision suggested CCC app for students’ phones.

# Future Advisory Meetings

* Committee members talked about the private sector move forward toward EV.
* Concerns about excessive state regulations.

# Roundtable Discussion

# Meeting Adjourn

* 8:00PM