

Proposed Meeting Minutes

Career and Education Advisory Council

Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Location: DESC Offices, 115 Erskine, Detroit, MI 48201

Chair: Alycia Meriweather, Detroit Public Schools Community District

Attendees:

- Members – Alycia Meriweather, Diane Antishin, Dr. CharMaine Hines, Dana Hughes
- Staff – Dana Williams, Rachel May, Chauncey Samuel, Stephanie Nixon, Robert Shimkoski, Nonzwakazi Hill, Ericka Page, Carolyn Gonzalez-Bright

The meeting of the Career & Education Advisory Council was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairperson Meriweather.

Approval of August & December Agendas

Chairperson Meriweather called for a motion to approve. Moved by Diane Antishin. Seconded by Dana Hughes. Approved.

Approval of April & August Minutes

Chairperson Meriweather called for a motion to approve. Moved by Dr. Hines. Seconded by Diane Antishin. Approved.

Roundtable Updates

- **Chairperson Meriweather (DPSCD):** Ms. Meriweather highlighted the districts three career technical centers including Randolph, Golightly and Breithaupt
- **Diane Antishin (DTE Energy):** Ms. Antishin highlighted its CTE Program in Pontiac where it took 85 students and brought them to its Lines Clearance Training Facility to learn about tree trimming and suggested this could be done in Detroit in partnership with Randolph or any other CTE school in the city.
- **Dr. CharMaine Hines (WCCCD):** Dr. Hines highlighted WCCCD's recent Criminal Justice, Employment & Apprenticeship Fair and its Partnership with U-M.

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

Presentation: Grow Detroit's Young Talent: Summer 2023 Outcomes

Chauncey Samuel, Manager, Fund Development & Employer Engagement, DESC, opened her presentation with a brief description of GDYT noting three key areas: Career Exploration (first-time work experience, little or no previous work experience, ages 14-16); Ready for Work (previous work experience, employer or training provider ages 16-24); Career Pathways Internships (previous work experience, focus on specific career pathway, ages 17-24.) Ms. Samuel continued with highlighting the 2023 metrics noting 8546 youth were placed in summer experiences, surpassing 2022 placements at 8068. This includes an uptick in placing youth with

disabilities, up from 223 in 2022 to 264 in 2023. Among the many work experiences highlighted, 603 youth were placed in the Junior Police Cadets.

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

Presentation: Year-Round Youth Programming and Wrap-Around Services

Ericka Page, Director, Youth Programs & Services, DESC, opened her presentation with a look at the youth provider map coverage area for youth services including in-school locations (YMCA, the Yunion) and out-of-school locations (The Youth Connection, Urban Neighborhood Initiatives, SER Metro Detroit, Connect Detroit) noting the wide service area for Detroit youth. Some of the services provided include occupational aptitude assessments, career coaching and navigation, paid work experiences, co-ops/internships and supportive services. In addition, intensive wraparound services are offered, as resources permit, for registered participants who are enrolled in training, seeking employment, or currently employed. Among these services include transportation, car repair/purchase, work attire, work equipment, housing support, etc. Ms. Page closed her presentation with a highlight of the YouthBuild program, an intensive full-time 6-month pre-apprenticeship program that provides support for GED testing/HS completion and offers occupational skills training that affords nationally-recognized credentials and provides career skills that lead to permanent employment. Learners receive hands-on training while rehabbing homes in Detroit. These homes are sold or rented to low-income families.

Questions and comments from board members ensued.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Dana Hughes, seconded by Diane Antishin. Approved.
Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.