

**Welding Technology Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Agenda and Minutes**

**3/29/24, 8:00 AM**

Porterville College 100 E College Ave Porterville CA 93257

**Attendees:**

* Committee Members
	+ Kyle Duncan
	+ Stephen Lambarena
	+ Matt Changala (absent)
* Other Attendees
	+ Mauricio Vargas
	+ Jose Baca

**Agenda:**

* **Call to order**
	+ Committee Purpose and Meeting Objectives
		- The advisory committee shall serve as an informational body. The committee members are expected to provide professional expertise and recommend establishing an environment of continuous quality improvement in program curricula and student success.
	+ Introductions
* **Review of Program**
	+ Program Overview
		- Explanation of the program.
* **State of the Welding Program**
	+ Enrollments - Courses are at capacity.
	+ Curriculum - Current class offerings and degrees/certificates.
	+ Scheduling - Morning and evening course offerings.
	+ New courses - Blueprint-Reading and Specialized/Sanitary/Stainless Steel Welding
	+ Equipment/Facility needs- Update on equipment and facilities upgrades. Recommended to purchase a push/pull aluminum welding device.
	+ Advertising
	+ Recruiting/Outreach
	+ Improvements- Welding Simulator, AWS
* **Committee Discussions and Recommendations**
	+ Curriculum – Updating/removing/replacing current course
	+ State of the Industry- Need for basic skills
	+ Industry Trend
	+ Hiring needs and skills requirements
	+ Topics for Your Consideration, Discussion
* Vote to accept meeting minutes, new courses and any further business.

Motion: Mauricio Vargas

Second: Steven Lambarena

Yes votes: 5 No votes: 0

* **Adjournment**

10:15 AM

**Minutes created by:**

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