



NPESC's Business Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

NOECA, 219 Howard Dr. Sandusky, OH 44870

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9:00 AM

- I. Welcome & Introductions - Andrea Smith
- II. Roll Call of Members:
 - Present: Andrea Smith, Ashley Spangler, Chris Singerling, James Rinaldo, Beth Hannam, Katherine Adams, Makenna Laser, Dr. Paul Lockwood, Rob Monak, Ed Kurt, Angie Morelock, Laramie Spurlock, Jarvis Cole, Andy Horn, Daryl Deering, Ben Chaffee,
 - Virtual: Dr. Carter, Miriam Batke
 - Absent: David White, Carrie Sanchez, Kayla Cross, Marianne Cheatham, Stacy Maple, Dr. Jeff McClellan, Kyleigh Lash, Sarah Ross, Eileen Buhlan
- III. Introduction of Visitors:
 - Kevin Rasnick, Dennis Muratori
- IV. Motion to approve meeting minutes from [December 18, 2024](#)
 - Motion by: Ben Chaffee
 - Second by: Ed Kurt
 - Needed changes: N/A
- V. Regional BAC Exposure since the last meeting: Ashley Spangler reports that our schools continue to create business exposure through job shadowing experiences and student career camps.
- VI. Business Partners Update on your industry (Stacy Maple - Hospitality/Tourism, Andy Horn - Adv. Manufacturing, Rob Monak - Skilled Trades, Miriam Batke - Healthcare)
 - Rob Monak - New Position- Rob shared his new position has been delayed.
 - How is your industry/workforce impacted by the changing season? A good discussion was held by business representatives and school leaders.
- VII. Old Business for Information:
 - [Joint Annual Statement 2025](#) – This statement was shared with all member districts and posted as required by law.
 - [Annual Goals/Strategies Quarterly Progress Report](#) - Ashley Spangler reviewed the vast number of Student Career Camps over the past two months and the highlighted the increase of Career Showcases and events for student career opportunities.
 - PortfoliOH WBL/Need a work team - Jeff McClellan
Andrea Smith explains the new Ohio Revised Code regarding Work Based Learning hours and

how they are to be documented moving forward. Andrea discusses the use of PortfoliOH to help document these items across our region, however, North Point understands that schools may already have a system in place. Ashley Spangler will be sending out a regional survey to find out exactly what system each school is using so we can report that information back to our BAC.

VIII. Committee Updates (provided by Economic Directors, Business & Education Partners):

- Sandusky County update - Beth Hannam discusses their High School job fair that took place at Vanguard Sentinel. They hosted over 350 juniors and seniors. Andy Horn adds two experiences he wanted to highlight. Motion Controls Robotics always hosts student career camps. During this past tour, Andy introduced the students to one of their new hires. One of the students asked when this employee had graduated and the new hire said May of 2024. The students became significantly engaged and interested in what this young man had to say. Andy then spoke about the Young Men Innovate event and the increase of questions they had by the almost 1,000 young freshmen men. Andy feels that the young men asked these questions because there weren't young ladies mixed within the audience. Andy explained the importance of how we expose students to the events that we are putting together.
- Erie County update - Makenna Laser shares her excitement for their new student career camp model. Starting with the next human services student career camp, Makenna will allow schools to bring a bus load of students to businesses instead of 10 students per school. 7 businesses will host roughly 89 students. The schools have been very excited about this new model and Makenna plans to organize two more camps with this model. Makenna then speaks about their Career Showcase. This showcase will be held at Kalahari for all Erie and Huron school districts. Currently, Makenna has over 1,300 students registered to visit over 60 Businesses. Jarvis Cole gives a brief overview of the Northcoast Young Professionals group and what their plans are for the upcoming year.
- Huron County update - Kevin Rasnick speaks on behalf of Kayla Cross. He states that they presented two very successful student career camps. He explained that the Rise Program was very well attended with 19 students in the program and 14 presentations. The program allowed nearly 100 people to attend and show the great work the students put in. Miriam Batke speaks about their student internship program. They have had over 21 applications and can only take 8 students at this time. The program has become very sought after.
- Ottawa County update - Katherine Adams gives an update on the Workforce Hub. Katherine explains the construction plans and the expectations of the new rooms. She then explains the excitement of their new Hospitality instructor. They will announce the new instructor in the next couple of weeks! Katherine shares their next two student career camps will be in engineering and military. She also shares that 18/20 of their skilled trades academy students will sign with businesses during their Signing Day on May 14th and 15th.
- NPESC BAC related PD update - Andy Horn shares that Motion Controls Robotics will be hosting an Open House Event on June 25th. All are welcome to attend!
 - i. January & May School Summits – SAVE THE DAY: May 7th at BGSU Firelands
 - ii. [Portable Innovation Labs & STEM Lending Library](#) - Christine will be presenting at the next Career Summit regarding everything she has to offer students and school districts.

IX. New Business:

- Young Women Lead & Young Men Innovate Conferences - March 20, 2025 - Katherine Adams & Ashley Spangler - Ashley Spangler and Katherine Adams both speak about the great impact their events had on their young men and young women. Both events left the students with motivation for their futures. Ashley and Katherine agreed that things would need to be tweaked for next year, as it was their first year, items always come up that you aren't aware of until they happen. Discussions will be had during the summer months as to how to implement these events stronger and better next year.
- Pre-Apprenticeship/Apprenticeship Programs - Ashley Spangler explains the approval of North Point ESC becoming a state approved site for pre-apprenticeship programs. Ashley explains that they've collaborated with Greater Cleveland Partnerships to bring; IT, Finance, Hospitality, and Healthcare to all NPESC schools. She explains that this process will be explained to all schools during our upcoming summit in May and schools will be ready to implement them in their next school year if they so choose.
- Request for membership:
 - i. Dr. Cheryle "Dee" Basinger, Director of Professional Learning Services, Ashland University
 - ii. Mr. Will Snyder
 - iii. Mr. Dennis Muratori
 - iv. Motion to approve new members:
 - 1. Motion by: Chris Singerling
 - 2. Second by: Paul Lockwood

X. Open Forum: - Ed Kurt wanted to Congratulate Andy Horn who spoke with Gary Quisno at a recent State Conference. Ed expressed how motivational they both were and what a great job they did.

XI. Motion to adjourn the meeting

- Motion by: Makenna Laser
- Second by: Katherine Adams

XII. Next Meetings:

- Thursday, June 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM at NOECA (219 Howard Drive, Sandusky)