

Career & Educational Advisory Council (CEAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2025  
9:00 a.m.  
Otsego County Library, Gaylord

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00

INTRODUCTIONS AND ROLL CALL

CEAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Campbell  
Jeff Montgomery  
Jason Reed  
Ryan McClintic  
Ron Worth  
Mike Evans  
Charlie Foreman  
Dawn Stone  
Jessica Gillard  
Laura Percival  
Deborah Larson  
Whitney Dettmer  
Lauren Ososki (Alternate)

CEAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Marty Mix  
Judy McKinley

REQUIRED REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Jessica Gillard, Perkins V  
Laura Percival, MiSTEM

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Evan Linskey- Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB)  
Jessie Mitchell- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)  
Nicole Welsh- Lead Business Service Representative Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium  
Talent Development Liaison Region 3

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Topp, CEO  
Tricia Selke, Quality Assurance Specialist

Alicia Wallace, Marketing and Communications Manager  
Ashley Udell, Youth Program Manager

## MINUTES

Approval of the February 26, 2025 meeting minutes.

**Motion to approve the mentioned minutes was made by Ryan McClintic and seconded by Jason Campbell. All voting aye. Motion carried.**

## CAREER EDUCATION PLANNING DISTRICT (CEPD) UPDATES

CEPD 8- Ryan McClintic

- Spoke about how much the students enjoyed MiCareerQuest.
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) students are ending the school year with certifications and the school is busy completing required paperwork from the state.
- EMT/Fire program for Cheboygan has been postponed for at least a year.
- Goal is to offer career and technical education in every school in the district, as of now it is available at Cheboygan, Inland Lakes, Gaylord and Johannesburg-Lewiston. Discussed the development of different pathways to provide students access to advanced training and education and how important it is.

CEPD 11- Mike Evans

- Spoke about current classes that are offered, being developed and changing at the schools within the planning district.
- Welding and Cosmetology students competed at the state level.
- Early Middle College (EMC) has 24 students. Discussing ways to offer more support to help guide the students through the program.

CEPD 9- Jessica Gillard

- Discussed the site visits she has completed since taking over the position as the Director of Career & Technical Education at Alpena Public Schools.
- The enrollment is stable in all programs with the exception of construction. This program will need more recruiting efforts.
- Students are able to earn one credit from Alpena Community College in customer service.
- Spoke about the conversion from Licensed Practical Nursing to Medical Assistant.
- Encouraged the council to check out all of the CTE offerings on the website.  
*<https://www.alpenaschools.com/page/career-technical-education>*

## MISTEM

Laura Percival discussed the hands-on summer camps being offered throughout MiSTEM Region 12. There are 49 camps available with approximately 456 kids signed up. More information on the camps can be found at [www.mistemregion12.org](http://www.mistemregion12.org).

## MICAREERQUEST UPDATE

Alicia Wallace, NEMC Marketing Manager, provided a recap of the 2025 MiCareerQuest event. The event was held on Thursday, May 15 at the Ellison Place in Gaylord. 1,123 students attended, although 1,699 had registered. This level of attrition is not unusual in "pre-register, free events". Students from 22 schools were represented, with 13 taking advantage of the transportation assistance (busing reimbursement). Some had previously shared that the transportation assistance was a make-or-break barrier to their ability to attend. The event featured 82 exhibits across the 4 industry quadrants (healthcare, manufacturing, construction, technology), and ran smoothly thanks to over 65 volunteers. Feedback from all was very positive, although some felt it was a bit crowded at times and a bit hot. A few new exhibitors attended this year, many offering impressive hands-on exhibits. In addition, there was an increase in post-secondary "Education" sponsorships this year, which helps to fund this and future events. The 2026 MiCareerQuest is scheduled for Thursday, May 14.

## OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

- Dawn Stone, Dean of Workforce Development at Alpena Community College, shared some highlights.
  - The college hosted the 2025 College Lineman Rodeo that has teams from across the country compete in events based on traditional lineman tasks.
  - CDL courses are being offered starting July 11 and limited to 6 students.
  - The new, two story housing units are getting close to breaking ground.
  - The 6-acre solar farm will help reduce the institution's energy costs while offering hands on learning for students in the Electrical Systems Technology program. Three students have already been selected as Project Managers.
  - In search of a Building Licensing instructor. Application can be found online.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

December 1, @ 11:00 a.m., Location: Otsego County Library

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