



**HiTECC – MINUTES**  
**Friday, October 6th, 2023, 8:00 AM**  
**Joan Stout Hall Room 112**

**Members Present:** Abby Bacon, Tom Gilstrap, Ken Dent, Cory Pierce

**Members Absent:** Alex Bassett, Jeremy Sween, Sam Bergland, Ron King

**Clark College:** Dannie Nordside, Theo Koupelis, Bob Maloney, Mike Godson, Hernan Garzon, Brian Tracy, Elizabeth Flores

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**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from Spring 2023 could not be approved since the minutes could not be located.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The committee will meet on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8:30 AM since the committee did not meet quorum.

**COLLEGE UPDATES**

Welcome Campus Administration and introductions welcomed Theo Koupelis, Dean Workforce, Professional and Technical Education.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Tom stated enforcing good and clear communication early in the year. Consistent attendance issues and notice. Communicate with Bob, Brian, and Dannie or email or voicemail.

Dannie requested that industry partners alert the faculty of student tardiness.

Dannie introduced the 2024 HiTECC Cohort.

Hernon announced two new students at the Nissan location.

Dannie introduced the 2024 HiTECC Cohort graduates.

Dannie shared recruiting updates, events, and high school visits in Vancouver during October and announced the dates.

Hernon shared the goal to recruit more students for Volkswagen of Portland, Dick Hannah Acura, and Nissan dealerships, with the aim to retain two students every year.

Hernon stated that Cascadia Tech's has had the highest recruitment.

## **INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Dannie welcomed employer needs, individual dealer needs, and openings.

Tom and Ken expressed great professionalism at Cascadia.

Tom stated that good and clear communication should be enforced early in the year for students' success. Tom will notify the faculty of consistent attendance issues.

Abby expressed that mentorship and engagement need to be enforced with first-year students.

Abby, Brian, and Bob discussed vehicles for each task list.

Bob suggested receiving feedback from the industry on what model years we need for students.

Bob mentioned that some new car models may require Brian Tracy to get trained before training students.

Bob will create a new system for delivering needs and specific items. Additionally, receiving feedback and updates from our industry partners on what they would like students to receive more exposure to.

Theo suggested that faculty provide industry partners with a list of items they need, and the industry partners may provide priority technology updates and feedback.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores