Spring 2026

AGENDA

04/08/2026

12:00pm to 1:30 pm

Automotive & Diesel Technology

Sub Committee's
Automotive General
Diesel General
Ford ASSET
GM ASEP

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- **Lunch Served** •
- **Call Meeting to Order** •
- **Review & approve last meetings minutes**
- **Department Chair's Report**
  - **Odessa College Updates**
  - **State of the Program report**
- **Old Business** -
- **Ford training** -
- **Chevy training** ✓
- **Toyota Tecs Elite** -
- **New Business** ✓
- **Additional Advisory Input** ⇒ Industry + College Signing Day, May 12th @ OC Sports Center @ 2 PM.
- **Adjournment**

✓ Minutes Approved - 4/8/26

Odessa College Automotive & Diesel Technology Advisory Committee

Department Director: Robert Turner		
MEETING DATE: Monday, September 8, 2025	**MEETING TIME:** 12:00 PM-1:30 PM	**MEETING PLACE:** Odessa College Sewell Auto Tech Building
RECORDER: Luna Rodriguez	**Fall 2025**	**PREVIOUS MEETING:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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Agenda Item	Action, Discussion, Information	Responsibility
Welcome & Introductions	Robert Turner welcomed everyone. Introductions conducted among attendees.	Robert Turner
Call to Order Review & Approve Minutes from Last Meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2024	The meeting was called to order at 12:16 PM. Meeting minutes (combined for Diesel and Automotive programs) were reviewed and approved.	Motion to approve by Karl Miller, seconded by Johnny Faughn. Motion passed.
Dean Report	○ Introduced herself as Acting Dean for the School of Business & Industry. ○ Recognized Dr. Tiffany Price for her service as interim dean. ○ Reported college-wide record enrollment for the 13th consecutive year. ○ Emphasized growth in Auto-Diesel program and focus on post-completion employment outcomes.	Dr. Tramaine Anderson-Silvas
Department Chair's Report	○ Odessa College Updates ○ State of the Program Report	Robert Turner Jonathan Berger Warren Pomeroy
Old Business:	○ Budget Update	Robert Turner
New Business:	○ Ford Training ○ Toyota CE Training ○ Mike Rowe Works ○ Web Based Training Review ○ Advisory Input	Robert Turner
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM	Motion to approve by Thomas Hanson seconded, by Karl Miller Motion passed.

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Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Department Chair's Report:	○ Program enrollment has exceeded 500 students, including 240 dual credit students. ○ 13 instructors now serve the program, including ECISD partners. ○ Odessa College designated as a Ford CE Training Center, training over 150 technicians to date. ○ Toyota CE Training to launch in November, offering 90-hour, twice-weekly sessions for eight weeks. Program Updates and Instructor Reports ○ Jonathan Berger (Ford ASSET): Two active cohorts (19 first-year, 13 second-year). Focus on developing strong industry relationships and student employability. ○ Warren Pomeroy (GM ASEP): Two cohorts; 10 students continuing from last year, 11 new students this year. Added partnerships with Casa GMC Cadillac and prospective with Viva Chevrolet (El Paso).
Old Business:	○ Budget Update: Increased through CE program revenue. Ford CE training brings in ~$600/day; Toyota CE will add additional funds. Budget concerns have been resolved.

New Business:	Ford Training Program Expansion ○ Proposal to continue Ford CE partnership into next year. ○ Motion to approve by Karl Miller, seconded by Thomas Hanson. Motion passed. Toyota CE Training Program ○ Proposal to begin November; classes twice weekly for eight weeks. ○ Motion to approve by Thomas Hanson, seconded by Karl Miller. Motion passed. Mike Rowe WORKS Curriculum ○ Proposal to integrate the "Sweat Pledge" work-ethic certification into AUMT 1301. ○ Annual cost: $1,500 for up to 500 student certifications. ○ Program emphasizes professionalism, teamwork, and employability skills. ○ Motion to approve by Johnny Faughn, seconded by Jacob Stiles. Motion passed. Web-Based Training and Program Specialization Review ○ Discussion on refining curriculum pathways to allow students to specialize in domestic, import, or diesel/industrial equipment tracks (e.g., Ford/GM, Toyota/Honda/Nissan, CAT/Kubota). ○ Open Educational Resources (OER) fully implemented no-cost textbooks. ○ Consensus to move forward with specialization model pending administrative review.
Advisory Input:	○ Members emphasized continued focus on soft skills, professionalism, and feedback-seeking behavior among students. ○ Industry representatives expressed support for specialization and expansion of work-ethic training.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.

Department Director SIGNATURE (or designee):	**DATE: 09/08/2025**	**NEXT MEETING: Spring 2026**