

Chamber Education Committee / Business Advisory Council Minutes

September 22, 2026

Location Host: Canton South High School 600 Faircrest St SE Canton, OH 44707

Attendance:

Karen Abel Jepsen	Emil Alecusan	Krista Allison	Marty Bowe	JoAnn Breedlove
Dawn Campanelli	Scott Campbell	Jeff Dafler	Chris DiLoreto	Shaun Eller
Sharla Elton	Brent Fatzinger	Steve Fisher	Lada Gibson-Shreve	Robert Gress
Mike Hearn	Melinda Kapalko	Eugene Lingenhoel	Dan Lowmiller	Robert McBride
Touby McCammon	Adam McKenzie	Dan Murphy	Kristin Paumier	John Richard
Tiffany Rogers	Mark Scott	Michele Shaffer	Carrie Stroup	Nathan Stutz
Dan Swisher	Lisa Talbert	Larry Tausch	Christine Taylor	Miranda Trumblak
Stephanie Werren	Matt Whitted	Matt Ziders	Tyree Sewell	Brian Mohn
Rich Clark	Kristen Smith			

1. Call to Order. Welcome and Approval of the Agenda and 8/25 Minutes

Robert McBride, Ennis Britton Co., LPA, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Robert requested a motion to approve the 8/25 minutes. Chris DiLoreto made the motion to approve the minutes, and Dan Murphy seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried.

2. Canton Local Schools Welcome – Larry Tausch, Superintendent.

Larry Tausch welcomed everyone and presented a video presentation of Canton South Local Schools history.

3. Career Tech Education and the South Stark Career Academy Presentation by Larry Tausch, Superintendent, Brian Mohn, CTE Director, Rich Clark & Kristin Smith – Program Instructors with Student Experiences.

Larry highlighted the recent 5-star career tech academic ratings and career readiness priorities expanded to middle school exposure. Brian explained the South Stark Career Academy partnership and its 17 programs. The presentation covered comprehensive career-center and compact career- tech models. Career exploration is being introduced in elementary and middle school rather than beginning only with sophomore recruitment. Students earn industry credentials, access postsecondary pathways, and enter employment apprenticeships. Rich described welding instruction, employer feedback, donated equipment, workplace expectations and strong job placement. Kristen described healthcare certifications, community job shadows, hospital experiences, and collaboration with other district programs.

4. High School Tech Internship Presentation – Tyree Sewell, Employer Partnership Specialist, Youth Opportunities Unlimited.

Tyree highlighted that this state-run program covers the entire state and is administered in southeast, northeast, northwest, west, southeast, southwest and central regions. Tyree highlighted the 18 counties he covers in the Northeast region. He explained that the High School Tech Internship Program reimburses 75% of eligible student wages, up to \$5,000 per intern for qualifying paid internships requiring at least 120 hours and \$12 per hour. Employers from technology, manufacturing, nonprofits, education and local government are eligible to participate, subject to state requirements. Tyree is on a mission to recruit more employers and school districts to utilize this valuable program.

5. BAC Annual Projects Discussion – John Richard, President, Stark Education Partnership

John welcomed any feedback on continuing annual event coordination and teacher boot camps through the Chambers Education committee. Continuing this work was affirmed by attendees without questions or comments.

6. Adjourn.

With no other business, Robert McBride adjourned the meeting at 12:57PM. A tour was offered to attendees by Larry Tausch.