

# MJC Automotive Technology Advisory Meeting – May 5, 2015

## Minutes

### Members in attendance:

Gerry Wray, MJC Automotive  
Jeff Beebe, MJC Auto Body Collision & Spray Paint  
Pedro Mendez, MJC Dean of CTE & Workforce Development

Leonard Corgiat, Modesto Engine Renu (Adjunct)  
John Davis, McDowell Towing and Auto Inc. (Adjunct)  
Brent Burnside, Burnside Body Shop  
John Haley, American Chevrolet

Dean Massey, Turlock High School (Aubdy & Auto)  
Isaias Rumayor, Turlock Adult School & CTE  
Cindy Young, SCOE (Small Engines)

### Apologies:

Aaron Walker, Walker's Automotive  
Dave McKenzie, Patterson High School  
Deven Chew, Merced County Office of Ed (Auto)  
Robert Pereira, Bobby's Smog  
Gordon Lucas, Dan's Auto repair  
Ruben Parra, MJC Smog Update/Skyline College  
Mr. Bennet, Oakdale High School (Auto)

### ▪ Introductions

Meeting called to order in and introductions were made at 5:30pm.

### ▪ Items for Review and Vote

Dean Massey's Turlock High School Auto Program requested more active MJC presence for his students to move them through college readiness process. P Mendez recommended Araceli Zarate from the college to be that contact.

### ▪ Industry Needs

Employers in attendance were asked to provide feedback on industry trends and employment needs. Current entry wage ranges from \$9/hr. to \$15/hr. for lube techs. This is where most will start without experience. From here is they are good will work their way up in their career. Students need to have computer skills and customer service skills. These are highly valued qualities beyond trade technical skills. Programs need to ensure students develop: (a)

soft skills, (b) through career events understand career expectations, and (c) build up their tools for the trade.

Programs also need to emphasize

- Project base learning,
- Diagnostic theory or strategy based diagnostics (critical thinking/problem solving),
- Being part of a team,
- Verbal & written communication (work orders, claims and journals), and
- Research and pulling data from systems.

▪ **Upcoming Events**

3 instructors attending the Fall 2015 SEMA Conference in Las Vegas. This is an opportunity to teachers to learn about industry trends. Instructors also encourage student groups to attend. The goal is 15 students from both the Auto Body and Automotive programs. Gerald Wray (Auto), John Davis (Auto) and Jeff Beebe (Auto Body) will be attending. High School Instructor Dean Massey inquired about also attending in the future. The committee members felt this was a good opportunities for teachers and students. The event occurs, annually.

The meeting ended at 7pm.