

Advisory Board Meeting minutes Nov 5th 2025

Meeting started at 4:00 pm

People in attendance

Mikki Freije - Vilandre

Kurt Gamache - Vilandre

Clark Molter -Custom Aire

Chris Plante – City of Grand Forks

Kevin Bosh – Precision Plumbing

Derek Gustafson - Winsupply

David Krogfoss – Grand Forks Heating

Ben York – Northern Plumbing Supply

Nathan Saye – Custom Aire

Ed Krogfoss – Krogfoss Plumbing and Heating

David Makarim

I thanked everyone for making the meeting, and the first topic of business was to let the members in attendance that we have a new dean ADawn Nelson. She hadn't officially started in that position quite yet but will soon.

Karl talked about the fact that he administers the EPA test twice a year and that if anyone had employees that they would like to take the test to reach out for the dates of when he gives the test which haven't been finalized yet.

The question of what is happening with the project house came up. We talked about the fact that the school is still trying to sell it.

We talked about how many students that each program has this year, the members were very happy that both our numbers are up, and seemed hopeful that this will continue. Currently the HVAC program has 21 students enrolled and the plumbing program has 12.

Karl and I both attended the Northern Valley Career Expo in October.

We talked about the fact that tomorrow and Friday we will be participating in T4 (Tools, Trades, Torque, and Tech) which is hosted by Grand Fork Schools.

The topic of the new career academy and how that what impact that might have on our enrollment was discussed.

Meeting closed at 5:00pm with dinner to follow.