

Institute of Skilled Trades
INDUSTRY BULLETIN
Meeting DATE: Monday, July 6, 2026

Institute of Skilled Trades - Council Meeting Highlights

This bulletin provides a high-level update on current initiatives, upcoming activities, and key information relevant to our industry partners that was discussed in the most recent IST Council meetings. The Council meets monthly, and five meetings have been held to date.

Key Updates	Description	Status
1. Revisit of what's in flight	Members discussed the work that is currently underway and received an update on the following projects: mapped our project timeline of all ongoing projects, KPIs & Metrics, external outreach programs, IST Program Mix planning, NSCC waitlists, and a procurement update.	In progress.
2. IST Organizational Structure	Members reviewed and provided feedback on a draft IST Organizational Structure, including discussions on governance, reporting relationships, and the roles and responsibilities that will support the initiative's implementation.	Complete.
3. Screening processes and integration with Education & Early Childhood Development	Members reviewed a draft of the proposed screening process planned for implementation in Fall 2027 and discussed opportunities to align it with outreach initiatives to attract and support high-quality candidates pursuing careers in the skilled trades. Members also reviewed and provided feedback on the draft screening questions intended to support the assessment process.	In progress.
4. Quality Assurance frameworks for skilled trades training delivery	Members reviewed several draft quality assurance frameworks for both pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship. Members provided feedback on the frameworks.	In progress.
5. Holistic Skilled Trades Training system	Members discussed the opportunity to create a more integrated skilled trades ecosystem that connects learners from early career exploration in junior high and high school through post-secondary training, apprenticeship, and certification. Members provided feedback on how to get the entire skilled trades system in sync and proactive to change.	In progress.

The Council will continue advancing these priorities and will share further updates as work progresses.