

# **STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

## **MINUTES**

April 7, 2023

**Call to Order: 1:13 P.M.**

The SEAC meeting was held at the Department of Commerce and via zoom. Chairman, Richard Geraci, presided over the meeting.

### **Members present:**

Richard Geraci  
Richard Shelton- Zoom  
Roger Chaple- Zoom  
Keith Davis- Zoom

### **Member(s) absent:**

Brian Williams  
Charles Blaty

### **Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:**

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD  
Don Bellcock - Program Advisor OSD

### **Guests in Attendance:**

David Gray- AR DOLL  
Lucas Stewart

### **Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2023:**

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Chaple and a Second by Shelton. Minutes were approved as written.

### **New Business:**

- (00:01:40 Minute Mark)  
Derrick informed the committee that the SPAC will be allowing experienced credit to be approved within 60 days from starting to school or from transferring to a different program. That was because of the wording in the rules. He then informed them that the SEAC guidelines do address this, it notes it being the "original" registration.

### **Experienced Credit: (Roger abstained)**

- (00:06:29 minute mark) and (00:33:20 minute mark)  
Yosten Garza- ACE- Asking for 6 months. After discussion a motion by Davis for 6 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelton. SEAC voted to award 6 months.
- (00:17:40 minute mark)  
Kao Xiong-ACE- Derrick informed the SEAC that Kao had attended a US DOL approved program in California. Therefore, all the RTI and OJT received transfers 100%.

### **Reports:**

- (00:47:20 minute mark)  
USDOL-OA: Cynthia McLain was absent. DOL numbers were reviewed by the committee. Numbers as of March 31, 2023. new apprentices +217 (1,305), total apprentices 8,103 (+174), suspended +3 (13), cancellations +122 (805), completed +82 (357).
- (00:51:00 minute mark)  
AR DOLL: David Gray  
David informed the committee that Mr. Moore had emailed all the programs about the cancelling of an apprentice license is done by AR DOLL and the programs initiate that process through the ELP system. Once an apprentice's license is de-activated, they receive an email notifying them of this. The Board had recently revoked an apprentice's license for unlicensed work. Roger said that it has been making the rounds in Northwest Arkansas. Lucas had put in the chat box that there were some 7,726 apprentices. Derrick informed them that info was not correct. There is a total of 8,103 for all apprentices in Arkansas. There is over 1,000 plumbing apprentices.
- (00:59:28 minute mark)  
OSD-OA Report: Derrick Daniels  
End of the year is coming; we will be looking to distribute out the remaining funds to the programs. Derrick informed the committee that OSD had hosted a workforce summit meeting on Monday and Tuesday that week and that most attendees were from secondary career and technical centers. Everything went well. MOU is down to one thing left needing to be figured out. Legislature last day to meet today. The SAA bill was pulled before the committee could review it. Cody and Stephanie will be meeting with US DOL next week.

### **Old Business:**

- (01:04:34 Minute Mark)  
Derrick informed the committee because of new information coming from AR DOLL about possibly accepting the apprentices that completed that program for testing, he is putting on hold the discussion. There is no need to continue to look at the experienced credit for that program if AR DOLL is going to be accepting these apprentices to test.

### **Adjourn:**

- 2:25 PM. Shelton motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

### **Next Meeting**

- Date: May 5, 2023
- Arkansas Department of Commerce, unless otherwise notified.