

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

December 8, 2023

Call to Order: 1:04 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
Keith Davis
Charles Blaty
Roger Chaple

Member(s) absent:

Brian Williams
Richard Shelton

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

David Gray- AR DOLL

Absent:

Cynthia McLain- US DOL

Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2023:

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Blaty and a Second by Davis. Minutes were approved as written.

New Business:

- (00:02:45 Minute Mark)
Discussed having the meeting in January in-person at the Commerce Building. Provided the Mission Statement to committee to review before the January meeting. Geraci brought up the vacant SEAC position. Derrick informed them that it could be from any place in the state. Derrick will email to the programs to let them know the SEAC has an open position and if they know anyone that might be interested to send them his way. Rick Geraci has been appointed to the Advisory committee for Public School Academic Facilities. It should not be any issue on serving on both.

Experienced Credit:

- (00:12:05 Minute Mark)
Brian Daniels- Asking for 2 years. Discussion took place. There was a motion by Chaple to deny experienced credit for Mr. Daniels. 2nd by Davis. SEAC voted to deny Mr. Daniels for exp. credit. The SEAC believed that under apprenticeship guidelines, DOL regulations, and other laws the OJT time submitted does not apply.

The SEAC decided to add what state the OJT was performed in when submitting the experienced credit application.

Reports:

- (00:00:00 minute mark)
US DOL: Cynthia McLain Absent. No numbers provided.
- (00:34:30 minute mark)
AR DOLL: David Gray
Next month the 2023 code will go before the Electrical Board for approval. Then if approved there will be the public input phase. AR DOLL has hired a new inspector. He resides in Springdale.
- (00:39:00 minute mark)
OSD-OA: Derrick Daniels informed the committee about the updated completion numbers for November. Electrical- 19, Electrical RJ- 14. Geraci asked if welders are required to have a license after seeing a welding competition recently. Derrick said as far as he knew that they did not. During the AACSC meeting yesterday, he informed the committee that Stephanie Isaacs, OSD Director, has approved for an additional \$250,000 above the actual TA budget. This will allow for no rate change in January and be able to add new instructors. Reminded the committee that OSD approved everyone at a \$40 per hour rate and that they allowed programs to ask for more than 40 per hour if their instructor was paid more. CT funds are going down quick. Total fund is around \$120,000 left.

Other Business:

- David informed the committee that he had a conversation with Tyson earlier this week and he informed him that several of his guys went the route of electrical apprenticeship in the past and after receiving their Journeyman license they were working on the side doing residential work etc. Davis thought since this keeps coming up that when the SEAC reviews the Guidelines that they could put something in it to help clear up any confusion that is taking place. Geraci said they could look at it in January.

Adjourn:

- 2:06 PM. Davis motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

Next Meeting

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