

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

March 8, 2024

Call to Order: 1:05 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
Richard Shelton

Member(s) absent:

Brian Williams

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

Josh Baldwin- AR DOLL
Jim Burbridge- OTC

Absent:

USDOL representative

Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2024:

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Shelton and a Second by Davis. Minutes were approved as amended.

New Business:

- (00:02:30 Minute Mark)
SEAC Guidelines (industrial hours)
Discussed further what the statement will say about industrial maintenance hours in the SEAC Guidelines. The last discussion and vote for approval will take place at the next meeting. Derrick informed the committee about the Arkansas Certified Apprenticeship Program.
- (00:59:40 Minute Mark)
Experienced Credit when coming from a US DOL program.
Derrick informed the committee that going forward when an apprentice comes to Arkansas from another state and they had attended a US DOL approved program, OSD will create a letter for them just as we would when providing experienced credit when not coming from a US DOL program. If OJT is provided on the transcript from the program, it will also be noted on the letter. AR DOLL would accept that at the time of application to test for Journeyman's license for the previous out-of-state OJT hours. He also informed them that he has asked for US DOL to attend a zoom meeting so they can inform the programs of the new transfer process and the RAPIDS numbers. Will

send out invite to all programs when the date has been established with US DOL's availability.

Experienced Credit:

- (01:38:10 minute mark)
Eric Smith- NATF- Asking for 3.5 years. Discussion took place of the application. There was a motion by Davis to require more information, which was as follows: Proof of license being held during the time frame Eric's OJT occurred and how many hours of OJT received from 2018 to current because the hours provided exceeded the time frame.

Reports:

- (00:00:00 minute mark)
US DOL: Absent. No numbers provided.
- (00:00:00 minute mark)
AR DOLL: David Gray absent
- (01:56:50 minute mark)
OSD-OA: Derrick said the AACSC had their first in-person meeting yesterday since prior to Covid. Discussion was better with the in-person meeting. We had discussed the Arkansas Certified Pre-apprenticeship program and possibility of being able to receive OJT while in that program. Will have to discuss with AR DOLL and ADH. CT funds are gone, but he and Don had found another grant opportunity for apprenticeship programs. It is with the Arkansas Contractor's Licensing Board. They have \$250,000 typically yearly to provide grants with. White House came out with a bulletin yesterday stating they were going to start using apprenticeship in the Federal Job system.

Old / Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

- 3:18 PM. Shelton motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

Next Meeting:

- Date: April 5, 2024
- Meeting held at AR Dept. of Commerce.