

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

December 6, 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:

Rick Geraci
Charles “Richard” Blaty
Jim Burbridge
Roger Chapel
Amy Martindill

Member(s) absent:

Keith Davis

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels, Director of Office of Apprenticeship

Guest in Attendance:

Renee Doty, OSD
Mark McManus, OSD

Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2024:

- Minutes of most recent meeting was reviewed. The minutes were amended to reflect a correction on the 2nd page to replace “committee” with “request”. After a motion by Blaty and a second by Chapel the minutes were approved as amended.

New Business:

None

Old / Other Business:

- Vacant committee seat - Chairman Geraci inquired if any applications have been submitted for the committee’s vacant position. The position is required to be a journeyman. Daniels said that to none have been received.

Experienced Credit:

- Nicholas Kress – ACE- requesting 1.5 years of experience credit. This is the second request. Derrick is waiting on additional information to review his experience. Daniels said he anticipates the committee will have that information by the date of the January meeting. Chapel made a motion to table the consideration of the application to January and Martindale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Heath Werve – NAFT- requesting 3 years of experience credit. His experience is in residential solar wiring with Tesla Energy in Colorado. He is a registered apprentice in that state. Blaty made a motion that the committee to not approve the requested experience credit based on the information submitted. Chapel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Geraci noted that a better job needs to be done to inform the local committees of the importance of the timing submissions to the committee for consideration.

Reports:

- Office of Skills Development Report. Derrick Daniels introduced Mark McManus with OSD. McManus gave an update on the state’s pre-apprenticeship program that was launched this year. The program was designed to build more comprehensive standards of a quality pre-apprenticeship program. OSD has approved two programs. Daniels gave an update on the progress of youth apprenticeship programs around the state. He informed the committee there is only \$65,000 left in the CT budget. The reason for the funding expending is related to the growing of the apprenticeship program and programs being informed they can receive funds. The funding is from a collection of fees for construction. However, there is an \$800,000 cap on funds that OSD can receive. Discussion was held on how to increase the cap. Daniels demonstrated the revamped OSD website related to apprenticeship programs. Daniel share statistic of the completions for each program year to date.

Adjourn:

- Blaty made a motion for meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Next Meeting:

- Date: January 10, 2024.
- Location: via Zoom