

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

November 8, 2024

Call to Order: 1:03 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
Roger Chapel
Keith Davis
Amy Martindill
Jim Burbridge

Member(s) absent:

None

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels, Director of Office of Apprenticeship

Guest in Attendance:

Renee Doty, OSD
David Gray, ARDOL

Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2024:

- Minutes of most recent meeting was reviewed. The minutes were amended to reflect a spelling error of a Roger Chapel's name in the new business section. After a motion by Chapel and a second by Blaty the minutes were approved as amended.

New Business:

- Richard Shelton, committee member, passed away last weekend. Geraci has send information on his service to the committee members. Since Shelton fulfilled the journeyman requirement, the committee will be looking to fill that position with similar qualifications.
- Amendment 1. Geraci asked Daniels how that could impact apprenticeships. Derrick reported that the understanding is that there is a possibility that could be possibly done through rulemaking.
- Committee reviewed markup copy of changes agreed on during the October 2024 meeting. Keith Davis made a motion to accept the changes, and Burbridge seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Daniels will send a clean copy to committee members.

Old / Other Business:

None

Experienced Credit:

- Nicholas Kress – ACE- requesting 1.5 years of experience credit. The committee reviewed the application packet. Davis made a motion to table a vote on the application was table pending more information documentation on the hours worked during Hardhat workforce solutions training, licensed employer worked under and information notarization. Blaty seconded. Motion carried with Chapel abstaining.
- Trey Amos – ACE- is requesting 6 months of experience credit. He has no OJT credit, but AR College of Electricity is requesting that he receive RTI credit. Blaty made a motion to approved 6 months RTI accredited towards him. Martindill seconded. The motion carried with Chapel abstaining.
- Zachary Romine – ACE – Requesting 6 months of experience credit. The request was reviewed by the committee. He has no OJT credit, but AR College of Electricity is requesting that he receive RTI credit. Blaty made a motion to approve 6 months of RTI, and Davis seconded. Motion passed with Chapel abstaining.

Reports:

- ARDOL. David Gray reported guidelines will not be adopted due to corrections that need to be made. This may not go to vote until August and adopted by possibly 2026. Gray said this will be his final meeting as he is retiring.
- Office of Skills Development Report. Derrick Daniels reported that as of yesterday after approval of CT grants only about \$65,000 left. CT funds will probably be exhausted by the end December. Increase in apprentices and other factors have increased the spend. OSD is looking at various options moving forward. Daniels has meet with career center directors in Ozark to talk about apprenticeship programs. He also traveled to Russellville to meet with the Carpentry and Millwrights Program to connect them to the Apprenticeship Office. Daniels is updating the website to make that more user friendly.

Adjourn:

- Blaty made a motion for meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting:

- Date: December 6, 2024.
- Location: Commerce building.