

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

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## **MINUTES**

April 4, 2025

**Call to Order: 1:04 P.M.**

The SEAC meeting was held via zoom. Chairman Richard Geraci presided over the meeting.

### **Members present:**

Rick Geraci  
Charles "Richard" Blaty  
Jim Burbridge  
Roger Chapel  
Amy Martindill  
Keith Davis

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

None

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

Derrick Daniels, Director, Office of Apprenticeship

### **Guest in Attendance:**

Michelle Hildreth, OSD

### **Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2025:**

- The minutes from the February 7, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Minor typographical errors were corrected. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Richard Blaty and seconded by Jim Burbridge. The motion was approved by the committee.

### **Old Business:**

- **Experience Credit – Douglas Kersey**  
A correction was made to a previous approval concerning Douglas Kersey's experience credit. The committee approved awarding Mr. Kersey 1.5 hours of experience credit in both Related Technical Instruction (RTI) and On-the-Job Training (OJT). A motion was made by Richard Blaty and seconded by Jim Burbridge. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Committee Vacancy Update**  
Discussion was held regarding the vacant position on the committee. Derrick Daniels reported that no applications or inquiries have been received regarding the open seat.

### **New Business:**

- **Arkansas Legislative Session 2025**

Derrick Daniels provided an overview of bills filed in the 2025 legislative session thus far. The session is scheduled to conclude by April 13, 2025, unless an extension is proposed and approved by the members.

#### **Experienced Credit:**

- **Devin Nemeth** – ACE. Devin Nemeth submitted a request for one year of experience credit. After reviewing the application, Richard Blaty initially moved to award six months of experience credit. The motion was seconded by Amy Martindill. Following further discussion, Blaty amended his motion to grant the full one year of experience credit. The amended motion was seconded by Amy Martindill and approved by the committee. Roger Chapel abstained from voting.

#### **Reports:**

- **USDOL Report.** No report
- **Office of Skills Development Report.**  
Derrick Daniels delivered updates on behalf of the Arkansas Apprentice Office and OSD. The SAEF 3 base and competitive grant applications have been completed and submitted. Grant award decisions are expected by possibly June 2025. Efforts are underway to allocate dedicated funding for Arkansas-certified pre-apprenticeship programs, which would enable the use of federal funds for these initiatives and preserve state resources. Currently, three new pre-apprenticeship programs are in development, pending paperwork completion.

Additionally, a new registered apprenticeship program has been established at SAU Tech. Mark McManus, OSD Apprentice Expansion Coordinator, is set to retire on May 16, 2025. His position, along with several support roles, will be filled in due course.

- **ARDOL Report.** No report.

#### **Adjourn:**

- Chapel made a motion for the meeting to adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Date: May 2, 2025.

Location: via Zoom