

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

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## **MINUTES**

April 2, 2026

Call to Order: 1:10 P.M.

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

### **Member(s) Present**

Rick Geraci  
Roger Chapel  
Amy Martindill  
Jim Burbridge

### **Member(s) Absent**

Richard Blaty  
Keith Davis

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

Derrick Daniels, Director Office of Apprenticeship

### **Guest in Attendance**

Renee Doty, OSD  
John Kuznar, US DOL  
Roger Hull, AR DOL

### **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the February 5, 2026, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Roger Chapel and seconded by Jim Burbridge. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

### **Old Business**

Open position - 27 legislation before we can update the rules. Must be a Journeyman for the open position.

### **New Business**

Rick Geraci - apprentice killed on the job last week. OSHA is investigating but it will be important that schools reiterate how critical safety on the job is.

Competency based approach to Derrick brought forward for committee members for thought switching electrical program to a hybrid model, assuming Labor and Licensing is set on certain # of hours, is a competency-based approach. More competent and qualified electrician and the end of training. Discussion was held on the idea. Just reviewing the oTJ requirements differently.

### **Experienced Credit**

Daniel Pilgrim - ACE - requesting consideration of 1 of experience credit. Discussion was held by committee members on the documents submitted. He has experience from two states. A motion was made for Roger Chapel recused himself from voting. As Roger has to recuse himself the committee does not have aquorem to take action.

### **Reports**

#### **Office of Skills Development - Office of Apprenticeship**

Derrick Daniels made a report on activity. Build My Future Central Arkansas Event is today in Conway. Michele and Claudia are there today. Derrick gave an update on SAA. We have feedback from DOL in February. Office is swamped with spearheading the new Apprenticeship Incentive for the entire country. That program is well but the volume of applications coming in is heavy at this time.

Arkanas Apprenticeship Summit was held. Breakout sessions were held as well as Josh Laney was the keynote speaker. Great turn out.

### **Adjourn**

Jim made a motion to adjourn Amy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 P.M.

### **Next Meeting**

Date: May , 2026

Location: In person unless otherwise notified.