

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

January 8, 2026

Call to Order: 1:04 P.M.

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

Member(s) Present

Charles “Richard” Blaty

Keith Davis

Rick Geraci

Amy Martindill

Jim Burbridge

Member(s) Absent

Roger Chapel

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present

Michele Hildreth, OSD

Renee Doty, OSD

Guest in Attendance

John Kuznar, US DOL

Sheri Overstreet, AR College of Electricity

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the December 4, 2025, meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Richard Blaty and seconded by Jim Burbridge. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Open Position – The journeyman position remains vacant. The Chairman encouraged committee members to reach out to colleagues who meet the statutory requirements and may be interested in serving in this role. The Office of Skills Development (OSD) will make a recommendation to modify the requirements during the 2027 legislative session.

New Business

Elections for committee officers were held.

- Vice Chairman – Chairman Geraci called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Jim Burbridge nominated Roger Chapel, and the nomination was seconded by Richard Blaty. There being no further nominations, Roger Chapel was elected by acclamation.
- Chairman – Chairman Geraci called for nominations for the office of Chairman. Richard Blaty nominated Rick Geraci to continue serving as Chair, and the

nomination was seconded by Jim Burbridge. There being no additional nominations, Rick Geraci was elected by acclamation.

Mission Statement

Committee members reviewed the mission statement. A motion to approve the mission statement, with only the Chairman's signature as of January 8, 2026, was made by Richard Blaty and seconded by Amy Martindill. The motion carried.

Stipends

A motion to allow committee members to receive a stipend was made by Richard Blaty and seconded by Jim Burbridge. The motion was approved.

Experienced Credit

- **Devin Morris** (ACE) – Mr. Morris requested one and one-half years of experience credit. This request was carried over from the previous meeting. Discussion was held regarding his submission. Committee members requested additional information related to experience gained during the last two code cycles. Keith Davis made a motion to table the request again to collect the necessary information. The motion was seconded by Jim Burbridge and approved.

Reports

Office of Skills Development – Office of Apprenticeship

Michele Hildreth gave an update on activities at OSD and the Office of Apprenticeship.

- All Certificate of Training (CT) payments have been issued except for seven. Approximately \$1,000 remains in available funds. For the second consecutive year, funds have been depleted within the first half of the year. Not all collected funds have been allocated for use. Discussion was held regarding outreach to state legislators to address the need for additional funding.
- Several committee members' terms are set for renewal. For wishing to continue to serving, Michele will distribute the necessary paperwork for review and approval by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board in February.

Adjourn

Richard Blaty made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Next Meeting

Date: February 5, 2026

Location: Via Zoom unless otherwise notified.