



MINUTES



Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee August 1, 2024

Meeting Commence

Chairman Kelley Sharp called the meeting to order August 1, 2024, at 12:30 CST.

Roll Call

Present:

Heath Harris

Bill Roachell

Kelley Sharp

Ed Carrington

David Stephens

Dr. Zach Harber

Dr. Cathy Riggins

Tracey Chambers

Aaron Chastain

ABSENT

Guest In Attendance

Derrick Daniel -OSD

Holly Smith -UACCB

Tondra Love – Central AR ATC

Israel M. – Hill Electric

Jeanette Smith, Eagle Electric

Stephanie Issacs – OSD

Zac Sloan – ACEF

Zac Smith - STL

Approval of Minutes: 1:44

A motion was made by David Stephens and seconded by Heath Harris to approve the minutes as presented from the July 11, 2024, meeting. Motion passed.

DOL Report: 1:47

Mr. Kuznar was unable to attend the meeting. There was no DOL report presented.

OSD Report: 2:57

Derrick Danies reported that he is receiving applications and is working to process them. Applications will be presented for approval at the next meeting. Derrick indicated that he has been given approval to hire a new program advisor. He introduced Renae Dottie, who had just joined OSD. Ms. Dottie will be supporting in the areas of rules and compliance.

USDOL Labor Standards: 5:13

Derrick gave a quick update and reviewed the information that Nathan Butler, USDOL Director, shared with the group at the July 17th annual training. Derrick stressed the importance of employer following the USDOL Labor Standards. He also stressed that Wisconsin is a state to watch as they already have 80% of their schools offering youth apprenticeship programs.

General Apprenticeship, Electrical, Plumbing, and CT Rules: 14:47

Derrick reviewed the CT Rules. A motion was made by Dr. Riggins and seconded by Ed Carrington. A lengthy discussion occurred with concern around the RTI requirements. After the discussion, the motion failed. Aaron Chastain made a motion to table the action item and requested that additional information be brought back to the September meeting. The motion was seconded by David Stephens. The motion passed with Ed. Carrington abstaining.

Informational: Open Discussion 1:36:58

A discussion was led by Bill Roachell concerning issues with not getting return calls and emails from USDOL. He explained that there are programs trying to get set up that have been waiting for 2-3 months. There was a sentiment from others experiencing the same frustrations.

Zac Sloan, guest, expressed that there are apprentices that are not being able to test because their OJT hours are not being recognized.

Ed Carrington reported that the Electrical Board guidelines have been approved and the document is being sent to the Governor's office next month.

September Board Meeting: 1:47:39

A motion was made by Aaron Chastain and seconded by Heath Harris to move the September 5th meeting to September 12th. The meeting will be onsite at OSD. The minutes from this meeting will be submitted by Dr. Riggins prior to the next meeting to be held on September 12, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn 1:49:39

A motion was made by Ed Carrington to adjourn. Motion passed.