

## STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)

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### MINUTES

April 2, 2026

**Call to Order: a.m. 9:32 am**

The SPAC meeting was held on Zoom. Chairman Kelley Sharp presided over the meeting.

#### **Members Present**

Kelley Sharp, Chairman, Master Plumber, Congressional District 3  
Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4  
Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

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

James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2  
Matthew Beck, Journeyman Plumber, Congressional District 4

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

Derrick Daniels, Arkansas Office of Apprenticeship

#### **Guest(s) in Attendance**

Rick Mayhan, Arkansas Department of Health  
John Kuznar, US DOL

#### **Approval of Minutes March 5, 2026**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by committee members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Karen Breashears and seconded by Ronald Jarrell. The minutes were approved.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Experience Credit**

William Staber – NPC – Mr. Staber requested consideration for 2 years of experience credit. Discussion was held on the application and documentation provided. Karen Breashears made a motion to approve two years of classroom training and one year OJT hours based on submitted documentation. Ron Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

## **Reports**

### **Arkansas Department of Health**

Rick Mayhan gave an update on plumbing professionals: 1,872 apprentices, 1,654 journeyman, and 2,232 masters in Arkansas.

### **US DOL**

John Kuznar gave a report on the US Department of Labor. John reminded the committee about National Apprenticeship Week starting April 26, 2026. John made a recommendation to the committee to consider a transfer policy to provide consistency and manage volume of transfers. Discussion was held on the uptick in transfers.

### **Office of Apprenticeship Report**

Derrick Daniels gave a report on the activities of the Office of Apprenticeship and Office of Skills Development. Today is the Build My Future event in Conway. The Office has received a high volume of interest in the American Manufacturing Apprentice Incentive Fund. He has received over 120 applications. Discussion was held on the qualifications for the grant.

### **Next Meeting**

**Date:** May 7, 2026

**Location:** Via Zoom, unless otherwise notified.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Breashears and seconded by Ronald Jarrell. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.