

# **STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)**

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## **MINUTES**

April 6, 2023

**Call to Order: 9:32 AM**

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

### **Members present:**

Kelley Sharp, Chairman, Master Plumber, Congressional District 3

Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

Steven Dewey, Vice Chair, Master Plumber, Congressional District 1

Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4

James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2

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

None

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

Derrick Daniels – Program Advisor OSD

### **Guests in Attendance:**

Don Bellcock- Program Advisor OSD

Ric Mayhan- ADH

Heath Harris- Jonesboro Plumbing

Rocky Mantoath- NATF

### **US DOL / ADH Absent:**

Cynthia McLain- US DOL

### **Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2023:**

- Minutes were read and amended to correct Vice Chair position. After a motion by Jarrell and a Second by Breashears, previous minutes were approved as amended.

### **Old Business:**

- (00:01:53 Minute Mark)  
The SPAC and Ric Mayhan discussed the reinstatement application and possible ways to simplify it for the programs. The 230 form will have Ric added to the bottom of the form noting to send cancellations to ADH. A note will also be added to the Reinstatement area of the form informing programs to send the form and attach a statement about what work the apprentice had been doing since their license had expired. OSD will send all 230's for Plumbing apprentices to ADH.

### **New Business:**

- (00:25:32 Minute Mark)  
Derrick brought to the SPAC's attention that an apprentice had been released to test by NWA Mechanical after the SPAC had approved experienced credit back in November of 2022. Derrick wanted confirmation from the SPAC that they were ok with this apprentice being provided experienced credit since they had already been attending a program in Arkansas previously and then had left the state, not attended school where they were, then came back to the state and requested experienced credit. The apprentice was employed by the same company the entirety of the time and the Program informed Derrick that they do this all the time. The SPAC agreed that the situation was OK and had no issues with it.
- (00:39:30 Minute Mark)  
NATF brought the Modern Plumbing Curriculum to the SPAC for curriculum reimbursement approval. The information provided was reviewed by the committee. This curriculum would only have to be purchased for an apprentice one time, one book for 4 years. If approved it would not be reimbursable until July 1, 2023. There was a motion by Corser and a second by Dewey to table it for vote until the May meeting. The SPAC voted to table until May. Breashears abstained.

### **Experience Credit:**

- None

**Health Department Report:** Ric Mayhan was available for the old business discussion, but then had to leave the meeting.

- No numbers provided at meeting.

**USDOL-OA:** Cynthia McLain is unavailable.

- (01:21:06 Minute Mark)

Committee reviewed the numbers. Numbers as of March 31, 2023. new apprentices +217 (1,305), total apprentices 8,103 (+174), suspended +3 (13), cancellations +122 (805), completed +82 (357).

**OSD Report: Derrick Daniels**

- (1:22:00 Minute Mark)  
OSD hosted a workforce summit on Monday and Tuesday of this week. It mainly consisted of Secondary Career Centers. Everything went good. MOU is down to one thing needing to be ironed out. OSD has received the Test side of the new Pre-apprenticeship DB. Only a couple of months left of school.

**Next Meeting:**

- Date: May 4, 2023
- Location: Via Zoom, unless otherwise notified

**Adjourn:**

- 11:01 A.M. Motion by Corser meeting adjourned.