

STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)

MINUTES

August 1, 2024

Call to Order: 9:34 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
Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4
Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

Member(s) absent:

James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2
Steven Dewey, Vice Chair, Master Plumber, Congressional District 1

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels – Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

Renee Doty, OSD

US DOL / ADH:

Ric Mayhan, AR Dept. of Health

Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2024:

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Breashears and a Second by Jarrell, the SPAC voted and the previous minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

- None

Experience Credit:

- None

New Business:

- US DOL Labor training standards. New labor training standard documents were reviewed. Derrick Daniels discussed the documents. The key part of the guidelines provided by DOL is that for 16- and 17-year-olds they can receive OJT credit for electrical and plumbing. Wisconsin is a state that

using youth apprentice programs for many years. They have not had an issue with workman's comp which has been a concern in the past. Discussion was held on previous youth apprenticeship program guidelines in Arkansas to encourage high school students into the field.

- Administrative rule change. Derrick Daniels discussed effort of OSD to transition four separate apprenticeship rules into one consolidated administrative rule. Daniels reviewed sections of the draft rule that apply to the plumbing apprenticeship program. Input was received from Labor and Licensing, Department of Labor and AR Health Department. Discussion was held on draft rules.

Health Department Report: Ric Mayhan

- Mayhan distributed the exam results to the board on July 30, 2024. Daniels confirmed he had distributed them to the board on August 1, 2024. He informed the SPAC that there are 1,597 apprentice license, 1,625 journeyman license, 2,189 masters license. Mayhan would like for there to be more activity for apprenticeship licensing.
- Brashers asked Ric Mayhan if it will be possible send applications to him via email or will member have to always be snail mailed. Mayhan replied that a new system is being worked on but there is no date set.

OSD Report: Derrick Daniels

- Daniels has two full applications in and a few others that are being submitted in sections. He is hoping to receive applications in soon. Daniels has received approval to hire a program advisor for the apprenticeship program. That process will be ongoing.

Other Business:

- None

Next Meeting:

- Breshears motion to move the next regular meeting to September 12, 2024, Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- Location: Via Zoom, unless otherwise notified.

Adjourn:

- 10:45 A.M. meeting was adjourned.