

## STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)

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### MINUTES

August 7, 2025

Call to Order: 9:32 a.m.

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

#### **Members Present**

Kelley Sharp, Chairman, Master Plumber, Congressional District 3  
James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2  
Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

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

Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4

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

Derrick Daniels – Program Advisor OSD

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

Michelle Hildreth, OSD  
Renee Doty, OSD  
Matthew Beck

#### **Approval of Minutes June 5, 2025**

The minutes from June 5, 2025, were reviewed by committee members. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Karen Breashears and seconded by James Courser. The minutes were approved.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

##### **New Committee Member**

Matthew Beck introduced himself as a candidate to fill the vacant committee position. Mr. Beck is a journeyman plumber with over twenty-five years of experience in the profession. He completed his apprenticeship in the State of Arkansas and served as an apprenticeship program instructor in El Dorado from 2018 to 2022.

The Committee held a discussion regarding Mr. Beck's application. James Courser made a motion to recommend Matthew Beck to the CEWD Board to fill the vacant committee position. Karen Breashears seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The OSD staff will forward the recommendation and supporting information to the CEWD Board for review at its next meeting.

### **Experience Credit**

- Rogelio Perez (NWA) – Mr. Perez requested consideration for one year of experience credit. The Committee reviewed the documentation submitted in support of his request and held discussion regarding his on-the-job training hours. James Courser made a motion to approve the experience credit request; the motion was seconded by Karen Breashears. Motion was approved.
- Jeremy Andrews (NWA)– Mr. Andrews requested consideration for 1.5 years of experience credit. The Committee reviewed the documentation submitted and held discussion regarding his experience. Karen Breashears made a motion to approve the request; James Courser seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

### **Reports**

#### **Office Apprenticeship Report**

Derrick Daniels shared the following updates:

- TA (Traditional Apprenticeship) applications have begun arriving, and staff are reviewing them.
- The federal grant has been approved. As a result, the Office will begin hiring additional support staff, including a grants manager.
- Federal SAEF 4 and 5 grants will no longer be funded.
- OSD is working on a project that is not yet finalized. Details will be shared with the Committee as soon as the details are completed.
- The SAA (State Apprenticeship Agency) Conference will be held in October. Derrick Daniels and Director Isaacs are scheduled to attend.
- The amended apprenticeship administrative rule is in effect. Going forward, if there are no items of business to for the committee to discuss, meetings will not be held in order to respect members' time.

### **Next Meeting**

**Date:** September 4, 2025

**Location:** Via Zoom (unless otherwise notified)

### **Adjournment**

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