

STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)

MINUTES

March 5, 2026

Call to Order: 9:35 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
Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4
James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2

Member(s) Absent:

Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4
Matthew Beck, Journeyman Plumber, Congressional District 4

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present

Michele Hildreth, OSD – Program Advisor OSD

Guest(s) in Attendance

Ricky Mayhen – AR Department of Health

Approval of Minutes January 8, 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 James Corser. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Experience Credit

- Andrew Disheroon- Kimbel – Mr. Disheroon requested consideration for 1 year of experience credit. Discussion was held on the application and documentation provided. Karen Breashears made a motion to approve the request, and James Corser seconded the request. The motion was approved.
- Cristian Lopez – Kimbel- Mr. Lopez requested consideration for 1 year of experience credit. Committee members discussed the application and

documentation provided. Karen made a motion to approve, and James Corser seconded. The request was approved.

- 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 table this discussion and request information from his employers breaking down more information regarding his on-the-job training and his age. James Corser seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Reports

Arkansas Department of Health

Rick Mayhen with the Arkansas Department of Health gave a report to the Committee. Mr. Mayhen reported the number active licensed to date. This includes 1,855 active apprentices and 1,562 active journeymen. This is comparable to this time last year. These licenses renew at the first of the year and believes that there are some that have still not completed renewal.

Office of Apprenticeship Report

Michele Hildreth provided an update on the activities of the Office of Apprenticeship and the Office of Skills Development.

All CTs that were submitted have been paid. The balance is \$1059.82.

Committee members that requested that they be considered for another term were approved by the Career Education and Workforce Development Committee. These terms will last for another 4 years. The Committee still has 2 vacant positions to fill.

The Arkansas Apprenticeship Summit will be held March 18th in Little Rock. Michele will send members the link to the registration.

The Apprentice Office has hired 3 new employees. They started this week.

Next Meeting

Date: April 2, 2026

Location: Via Zoom, unless otherwise notified.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Breashears and seconded by James Corser. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.