

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

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### **MINUTES**

November 7, 2024

#### **Call to Order: 9:30 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  
Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4  
James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2

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

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

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

Derrick Daniels – Program Advisor OSD

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

Ric Mayhan, AR Dept. of Health  
Renee Doty, Office of Skills Development

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

Not present

#### **Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2024:**

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Breashears and a second by Jarrell the SPAC voted and the previous minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **Old Business:**

- None

#### **Experience Credit:**

- Dylan Peurrung – NATF – The applicant is requesting three years of experience credit Breashears will abstain from voting for this request. Applicant has moved from California that does not have license apprenticeship program. But he has many hours of on-the-job training. Corser made a motion to approve three years of experience credit Jarrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- Discussion was held on recently passed Issue 1 and if it would apply to apprenticeship. It seems unclear to committee members. Chairman Sharp recommended members contact their legislators to discuss if it will be included in rulemaking.
- National Apprenticeship week starts November 18<sup>th</sup>. Great time to spotlight the state with hosting small events and showing appreciation for apprentices.

**Health Department Report:**

- Derrick Daniels read Ric Mayhan's reported numbers update of 1,813 apprentices, 1,718 journeymen. Chairman Sharp mentioned that these numbers haven't seemed to change in several years. Breashears mention that she has 852 people active in her organizations so they don't seem to match.

**USDOL Report:**

- No report

**OSD Report:**

- Derrick Daniels made a report for the Arkansas Office of Apprenticeship. There have been 29 plumber releases for October. That is 47 since July. Trend is typical. Daniels reported he has travelled to talk to career coaches about pre-apprenticeship programs. He will talk to another large group next week to begin the pipeline growth. Met with the Arkansas Carpenters and Millwrights in Russellville. They will start with carpentry pre-apprentice first then possibly expand into millwright. This will be the first carpentry pre-apprenticeship in the state. Derrick is in the process of streamlining the website for apprenticeship programs to be more user-friendly.

**Other Business:**

- None

**Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting is December 5, 2024.
- Location: Commerce Department

**Adjourn:**

- Corser made a motion to adjourn Breashears seconded the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM.