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Electrician Certification Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2025
1:30 pm

Location:
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Meeting called to order by Melinda Davis at 1:30 pm.

Introductions

Members present:

- Melinda Davis – DLSE Assistant Chief over ECU program (Acting Chair)
- Kathleen Lucchesi – CA Department of Education
- Sabrina Aguilar – Chancellor's Office of Community Colleges

All members present and quorum met.

Attendees present:

- Zakiya Ali, DLSE Licensing & Registration Manager
- Jenna Buffum, DLSE Licensing & Registration Staff Aide
- Brian Perez, DLSE Licensing & Registration Manager
- Sotivear Sim, DLSE Legal
- Alejandra Gonzalez, DLSE Licensing & Registration Staff
- Andrea Lackey, DLSE Licensing & Registration Staff
- Kyle Hills, DLSE Licensing & Registration Staff
- Diana Limon, IBEW Local 11
- Gissell Jimenez, ABC SoCal
- Dan Bierly, WECA
- Angela Heinz, Carrington College and SJVC, School #186
- Jason Bates, Alameda JATC
- Elvia Barba, UEI Fresno
- Nicole Lewis, SJVC
- Ana Lopez, WECA
- Mitchell Nesbitt, LAUSD
- Kris Georgeson, ABC SoCal
- Anthony Wietek, UEI
- Dominique Mitchell, ABC NorCal
- Garrett Greer, San Joaquin & Calaveras JATC

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- Wendy Flanagan, WECA
- Scott Mayo, UEI
- Jaron Stroud, WECA
- Sagit Ploof, ABC NorCal
- Veronica Martinez, IBEW Local 11
- Gissell, ABC SoCal
- Ronald Gardner, SJVC
- Clifton Carley
- Emilio D Mendez, LAUSD
- Anna Gray, LAUSD

Review and approval of minutes from October 22, 2024.
Motion by Sabrina Aguilar to approve minutes.
Motion seconded by Kathleen Lucchesi.
Minutes from October 22, 2024, approved.

Committee Meeting

I. CA Department of Education

- a. San Joaquin Valley College/Carrington College - New location in San Leandro, CA**
 - i. Site visits conducted: Jason Bates and Galen Eckert
- b. UEI College - New location in Fresno, CA**
 - i. Site visit conducted: Garrett Greer, Jaron Stroud

Motion to approve the two schools by Sabrina Aguilar
Seconded by Kathleen Lucchesi
Both schools are now approved.

II. Chancellor's Office of Community Colleges

- a. Nothing to report

III. Other

- a. Angela Heinz asks which curriculum hours (Out of approx. 900) count towards 8000 hour requirement for the ECU Exam. Garrett Greer clarifies that school hours do not count towards 8000 hour exam requirement. Curriculum hours count only towards required 900 hours of schooling. In order for hours to go towards 8000 hour requirement, work must be done under a C-10 contractor. DLSE Legal

Submitted by:
Jenna Buffum
Staff Aide

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- Counsel Sotivear Sim clarifies that DLSE also has discretion to consider hours worked not under a C-10 contractor for special cases (i.e. Military contractor work, out of country electrical work, etc.) Angela confirms her understanding.
- b. Anthony Wietek asks for approximate timing on when approval letters will be sent. Melinda Davis confirms that they will be sent out no later than tomorrow.
 - c. Emilio Mendez requests guidance on what to do as his school (#195) is losing its primary instructor for the electrician program and wants to know if there is a process on DLSE's end for bringing on a new instructor. Zakiya Ali answers that those types of processes are through the Department of Education, not through DLSE. However, DLSE will update school/instructor information via written request. Zakiya demonstrates how to look up approved school information on DLSE's database via screenshare. The ECUinfo email is provided for any update requests.
 - d. Nicole Lewis asks about updates to curriculums based on most recent NEC Code book (2023). Melinda Davis advises that 3rd party exam provider PSI will start reviewing and updating to the 2023 NEC in August of 2025. Dan Bierly clarifies that no one is behind re: the 2023 codebook. Rather, the implementation of these codes is on a 3-year cycle. The new codebook will go into full effect in 2026, three years after it was released. Nicole Lewis confirms understanding.
 - e. Elvia Barba asks if new schools can begin offering the electrical program now or if they must wait until receiving approval letter. Melinda advises that it is best to wait for the approval letter but that ideally, they will be sent out today (6/4/25) or at the latest, tomorrow (6/5/2025).
 - f. Jason Bates asks if there will be a meeting in August to discuss switch to 2023 NEC. Melinda advises that PSI will be reaching out to SMEs at that time. Garrett Greer asks to be included on SME list for contact by PSI. Melinda asks if anyone else wishes to be included on this list. Others who request to be added: Dominique Mitchell, Scott Mayo, Sagit Ploof, Jason Bates.

Melinda states next ECCC meeting will be set for some time in October or November and if that timing doesn't work for any members, please let DLSE know via ECUinfo email.

Meeting Adjourned by Melinda Davis at 1:54 pm.

Submitted by:
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Staff Aide