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### **Electrician Certification Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 22, 2024  
10:00 am

Location:  
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Meeting called to order by Zakiya Ali at 10:06 am.**

#### ***Introductions***

Members present:

- Zakiya Ali – DLSE, Senior Deputy Labor Commissioner, ECU Manager (Chair)
- Robert Wilson – CA Department of Education
- Sabrina Aguilar – Chancellor's Office of Community Colleges

All members present and quorum met.

Attendees present:

- K. Abe Talakai, San Mateo JATC
- Angela Heinz, San Joaquin Valley College
- Ana Lopez, WECA
- Brian Perez, DLSE Deputy Labor Commissioner
- Chris Tillery, JATC
- Dan Bierly, WECA
- Diana Limon, IBEW
- Garrett Greer, JATC
- Jaron Stroud, WECA
- Jenna Buffum, DLSE
- Kevin Johnson, IBEW Training Institute
- Kim Farley, Electrical Training Alliance of Silicon Valley
- Lauren Lopez, DLSE Industrial Relations Representative
- Melinda Davis, DLSE Assistant Chief
- Michael Scalzo, NLCAA
- Mitchell Nesbitt, Division of Adult Career Education LAUSD
- Oscar Meier, Division of Adult Career Education LAUSD
- Rachele Salazar, Electrical Training Alliance of Silicon Valley
- Scott Mayo, UEI College
- Sotivear Sim, DIR-DLSE Legal

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Review and approval of minutes from April 17, 2023.  
Motion by Robert Wilson to approve minutes.  
Motion seconded by Sabrina Aguilar.  
Minutes from October 17, 2023 approved.

### ***Committee Meeting***

#### **I. CA Department of Education**

- a. San Joaquin Valley College - New location in Sacramento, CA**
  - i. Will be a Carrington College location
  - ii. Site visits conducted: Chris Tillery, Galen Eckert
  - iii. Some materials missing but were acquired, with proof in the form of purchase orders and photos
  - iv. Everything else laid out well, curriculum and lab-wise
- b. San Joaquin Valley College - New location in Visalia, CA**
  - i. Site visit conducted: Garrett Greer, Jaron Stroud
  - ii. Both inspectors say there were some errors/deficiencies but everything has been resolved and looks good to go

Motion to approve the two schools by Robert Wilson  
Seconded by Sabrina Aguilar  
Both schools now approved

#### **II. Chancellor's Office of Community Colleges**

- a. Nothing to report

#### **III. Adjournment**

- a. No further schools awaiting approval at this time, next meeting date and time likely in April 2025
- b. Rio Hondo College not yet ready for inspection and will likely be on the agenda for next meeting.

#### **IV. Other**

- a. Dan Bierly asks if he needs to report on updated curriculum review for CE Provider 360 Training. Zakiya explains that online courses that are updating

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- existing curriculum do not need to be discussed by the ECCC. Based on Dan's comments, the curriculum updates will be approved.
- b. Angela Heinz asks if SJVC will receive letters regarding approval for both locations. Zakiya confirms that they will be getting letters.
  - c. The issue of schools providing training for performing work installing EV charging stations and solar panels was brought up. Zakiya asks if EV charging stations are considered high voltage, as solar and photovoltaic can be considered c-10 contractors according to CSLB. Kevin says that Solar Installation may be done by a c-10 contractor but also could be done by a c-46 contractor (Roofing) in which case, the work would not count.
  - d. Follow up question is asked about if EV Charging Station and Solar Installation are approved under a contractor's license and there is an approved training provider for general electrician, does the curriculum need to be modified if it's already been approved for general electrician work? Zakiya posits that yes it should because industry standards are updated and changed often but she will check to see if working on EV Charging and Solar Installation will qualify.
  - e. Attendee asks if procedure to become a certified provider is still the same. Zakiya confirms that it is still the same procedure.
  - f. There will be an updated code coming in January 2026. Dan says that the previous update and implementation took approx. 11 months and asks if we can and should start the process of updating everything in January 2025.
  - g. Zakiya states that there have been many issues with PSI and that the state may look to contract with another provider should these issues persist with no solution on the horizon. Dan suggests that this should not happen simultaneously with the update of the exam questions for the new code coming in Jan 2026. Zakiya says that the decision will be based on many factors and may or may not happen, with no official timeline. Dan requests that whoever works on updating the exam to the new code standards have instructional experience, whether it be with PSI or another company. This person does not need to be an SME but simply someone with experience creating/updating this type of educational and examination material.

**Meeting Adjourned by Zakiya Ali at 10:45 am.**

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