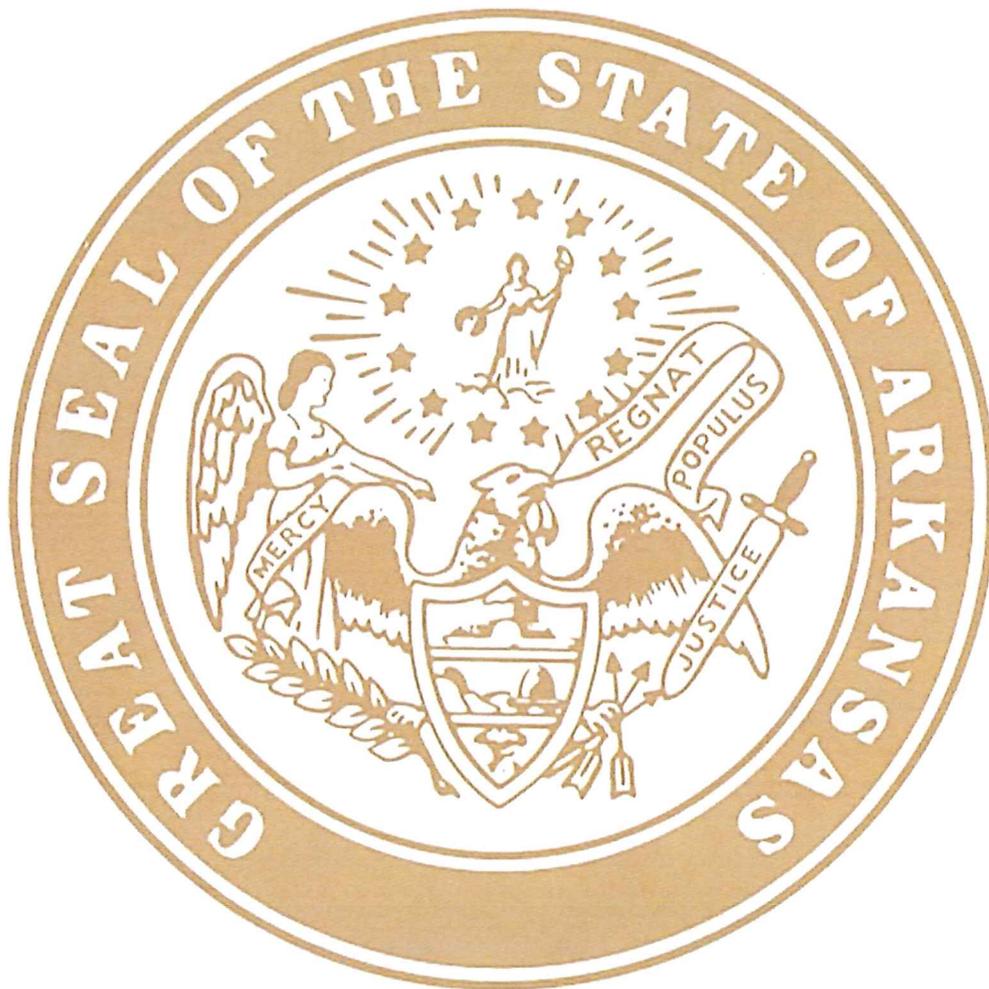




ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT
OF CAREER EDUCATION



Mike Beebe, Governor
William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Director

Agenda Manual
October 23, 2014

AGENDA

State Board of Career Education (SBCE)

Arkansas Career Training Institute
105 Reserve Street
Hot Springs, Arkansas

October 23, 2014
9:30 a.m.

- TAB A Action Item – Approval of Minutes of August 7, 2014
 - TAB B Action Item – Approval of Change for GED® Retest Policy
 - TAB C Action Item – Requirement for GED® Retest Policy
 - TAB D Action Item – State Plumbing Apprenticeship New Committee Member Approval
- Director's Report

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION

August 7, 2014

10:00 a.m.

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Phil Taylor. The meeting was held at The Lodge at Mount Magazine; 16878 Highway 309 South; Paris, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman
Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chairman
Ms. Margarita Solórzano
Dr. Ann Bain
Ms. Martha Dixon

Mr. William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Richard Smith -
(medical procedure)

Mr. Tony Wood
Mr. Shane Broadway

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman, announced that Mr. Richard Smith would not attend the meeting because he is undergoing a medical procedure.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of June 5, 2014.

B. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO GED® RETEST POLICY

Mr. Jim Smith, deputy director of adult education, asked the board members to approve placing the revised GED® retest policy on public review for 30 days.

The current policy reads as follows:

Test-takers scoring at least 149 points on each area of the first official GED® test may retest at the next scheduled test date without retaking the GED Ready™ practice test.

If the score is 130-148 on any area of the test or the test-taker has been retested one or more times, the test-taker must wait three months **OR** complete 30 hours of instruction through an approved adult education program **AND** pass the GED Ready™ with a score of 155 in each area to be retested.

If the score is 129 or below on any area of the test, the test-taker must wait six months **OR** complete 60 hours of instruction through an approved adult education program **AND** pass each part of the GED Ready™ with a score of 155 in each area to be retested.

The revised policy would read as follows:

The Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education will set retest requirements for GED® testing based on GED® data, policy, and research analysis and shall report any changes to the board at the next scheduled board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved that the revision to the GED® retest policy be placed on public review for 30 days.

C. ACTION ITEM – NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A POSTSECONDARY WELDING PROGRAM FOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY

Ms. Sandra Porter, interim deputy director of career and technical education, recommended that the State Board of Career Education approve the proposal for a welding technology program at Northwest Technical Institute.

Dr. Blake Robertson, president of Northwest Technical Institute, stated there is a high demand in Northwest Arkansas and nationwide for highly trained, experienced, and educated welders.

Dr. Robertson asked Mr. Mark Mansell, welding technology instructor, to provide further information to the board members. Mr. Mansell stated that surveys by Northwest Technical Institute and industry strongly indicate a critical need for a welding technology program in Northwest Arkansas.

On motion by Ms. Solórzano and second by Mr. Riggs, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the proposal of the welding technology program at Northwest Technical Institute.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jonathan Bibb, interim commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS), informed the board members that construction at the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) is on schedule and even ahead of schedule in some areas. The elevator has been installed in the armory building. The first phase of the armory project is nearing completion and should be completed the first part of September.

Mr. Bibb informed the board that ACTI was approved for Council on Occupational Education (COE) accreditation for six years.

Mr. Bibb informed the board that installation of water mains throughout campus is 80 percent complete. In addition, approval has been received to put new sprinkler systems in the dormitory areas, Building 1, and Ross Hall.

Mr. Robert Treviño, ARS deputy commissioner, briefed board members on the renovation of the building at 900 7th Street in Little Rock. This facility will house several ARS programs in a "storefront" concept. Renovation should be complete by October.

Ms. Judy Smith, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services transition director, provided board members information on the Promise Grant, a \$32.5 million research grant that is expected to assist 2,000 families over the five-year duration of the grant.

Ms. Smith also provided board members information on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Project SEARCH grant and Transition Employment Program (TEP).

Director Walker made the following announcements:

October is Disabilities Awareness Month, and the Governor usually issues a proclamation in the middle of October. Director Walker stated that consideration is being given to requesting the Governor to also issue an executive order promoting the hiring of individuals with disabilities.

October 2, 2014 – State Board Meeting – Hot Springs (ACTI)

October 2014 – Ribbon-Cutting at the 900 7th Street facility

Director Walker introduced Dustin Barnes as the newest member of the communications office.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary
State Board of Career Education

Phil Taylor, Chairman
State Board of Career Education



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October 23, 2014

TO: State Board of Career Education

FROM: William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Director
James H. Smith, Jr., Deputy Director for Adult Education
Lorna Claudio, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF CHANGE FOR GED® RETEST POLICY

ACTION RECOMMENDED: It is recommended that the State Board of Career Education adopt a change in the retest policy for GED® testing.

New policy would read as follows:

The Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education will set retest requirements for GED® testing based on GED® data, policy and research analysis and shall report any changes to the board at the next scheduled board meeting.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The change has been on public review for thirty days and no comments were received. Retest requirements for the new 2014 GED® test were set prior to the availability of test scores. Now that data is available on both the 2014 GED® test and GED Ready™ (practice) test, retest requirements for GED® test-takers will need to be changed periodically as time progresses and more data can be analyzed.

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TO: State Board of Career Education

FROM: William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Director
James H. Smith, Jr., Deputy Director for Adult Education
Lorna Claudio, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM – REQUIREMENT FOR GED® RETEST POLICY

RETEST REQUIREMENT FOR ANY SECTION OF THE GED® TEST: After passing the GED Ready™ (practice) test and taking the official GED® test, the candidate may retest two times in each of the four (4) areas without a waiting period. After the second time of retesting in any test area, a 60 day waiting period will be imposed on the candidate for any test area not passed.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: The national GED Testing Service provides two free retests in each area of testing. Arkansas currently has an 81 percent pass rate requiring few candidates to retest. The practice of not requiring a waiting time between testing and retesting for the first two times is the default system for the national GED Testing Service.

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TO: State Board of Career Education

FROM: William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Director
Randy Prather, Program Manager, Apprenticeship and Construction
Education

SUBJECT: Action Item – State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee Approval

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee new member approval – This request is to place Kevin Linton on the agenda for the October Arkansas Career Education board meeting. Mr. Linton is to be placed on the Congressional District 3 position vacated by Stephen Hayes.

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August 8, 2014

TO: Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.

FROM: Randy Prather, Education and Instruction Manager, Apprenticeship Office *RP*

Through: Mr. Ray Hensen, Associate Director, Workforce Training

SUBJECT: Recommendations for Replacement Appointment to the State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee (SPAC), Congressional District 3 position, vacated by Stephen Hayes.

During the last SPAC meeting August, 8, 2014, the committee reviewed the resume submitted for the Journeyman Plumber, Congressional District 3 position. The following nominee was recommended to fill this position:

- Kevin Linton:

The committee felt that Mr. Linton is qualified to serve in the vacated position. I have enclosed a copy of the nominee's letter to be reviewed for your convenience.

If you are in need of additional information please contact Randy Prather at 682-1360.

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Enclosures (1)

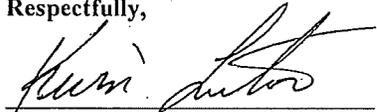
Date: May 2, 2014

Re: State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your hospitality at yesterday's State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee meeting. It was a pleasure meeting all of you. I am writing this letter as my intent to be accepted to join this committee. It would be an honor to serve if accepted. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Kevin Linton



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Kevin@malonesmechanical.com

KEVIN LINTON

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Van Buren, Arkansas 72956
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Work phone 479-474-8094

EDUCATION

Licensed Plumber/ Certified Welder
Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 29 JATC
Van Buren, AR

UAFS 1991-1992
Applied Science
Two Semesters
Fort Smith, AR

Graduate of Alma High School
1990
Alma, AR

EMPLOYMENT

Malone's Mechanical, Inc. April 2013- Present
Project Manger
Duties include project estimation and project management

Malone's Mechanical, Inc July 1997- March 2013
Journeyman Plumber/ Welder, Job Superintendent, Foreman for various Projects
Responsible for installation of plumbing and mechanical HVAC systems under direction of Project Manager
Responsible for the on-site supervision

Projects include:
Ozark and Webber Falls Hydro Power Plants, UAFS Lions Den, Sparks Regional Medical Center ER addition, U of A Fayetteville Bud Walton & Barn Hill Arena HVAC projects, Sparks Regional Medical Center Fifth Floor Remodel.

Malone's Mechanical Inc. July 1991-1996
Labor and Apprentice Plumber
Worked under the direction of a Journeyman Plumber

Instructor at Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 29
09/1999-05/2005
Duties include instructing apprentices in welding, plumbing, and fabrication of piping systems

United States Army-Active Duty and Army Guard
Former member of A- Battery 2/142 Field Artillery
SPC E-4 Cannon Crew Member/Ammo vehicle driver/50 cal. Machine Gunner
01/1990-01/1998
Attached to VII Corps Artillery
Artillery fire support for British and Third Armor Divisions during Operation Desert Storm

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Plan Reading
Certified Welder
Certified Journeyman Plumber
OSHA Certified

Educational Plumbing/Pipefitting
In-SMAW, TIG, MIG, & FCAW
Arkansas State Board of Health
D&R Safety Consultants 10-hr OSHA

TECHNICAL TRAINING

United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Instructor Training/ Ann Arbor, MI
8/99 to 8/01 Instructor Training Course

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 29 JATC
9/92 to 5/96 Ft. Smith, AR
Plumbing, pipefitting and, Welding training

AWARDS HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Veteran of Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm
Southwest Asia Service Metal
Liberation of Kuwait Metal
Graduate of Alma High School Class of 1990
Completed Plumbing Pipefitting and Welding Training 1996
Certified Welder
Licensed Journeyman Plumber
Certificate of Completion Reasonable Suspicion Testing-Supervisory Training For the Signs & Symptoms of Substance Abuse

Activities

Coached Little League Tee Ball, Traveling in our RV on family vacations, Hunting Big Game with my Wife and kids, Fly Fishing, Hiking, Gardening, Member of Concord Baptist Church of Van Buren, Spending Summers at the various Lakes, Attending Local Leadership meetings with my wife, Member Of The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Perpetual Member of Fine Springs Lodge 439

REFERENCES

Michael Malone
President Malone's Mechanical
2221 Oliver Springs Way
Van Buren, AR 72956
479-474-8094

Judy Crawford.
CEO Malone's Mechanical
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D & R SAFETY CONSULTANTS

This is to certify that on May 21, 2013

Kevin Linton

diligently and with merit completed training in a

**10-hour Occupational Safety & Health
Training Course
For Construction Industry**

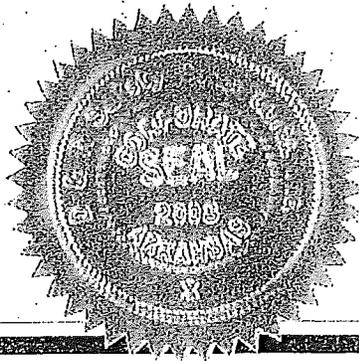
Debra B...

Raymond B...

Instructor

Instructor

"As an OSHA authorized trainer, I verify that I have conducted this OSHA outreach training class in accordance with OSHA Outreach Training Program requirements. I will document this class to my authorizing OSHA training organization. Upon successful review of my documentation, I will provide each student their completion card within 90 days of the end of the class."





Arkansas Association
 Certification Programs
 Certificate of Qualifications



KEVIN R. LINTON
 ID:001126647 Local:155

Training records available
 upon request.

William P. White
 General President



Cert Type	Certified	Expires	Process
WELDER	03/06/2014	09/06/2014	GTAW
WELDER	03/06/2014	09/06/2014	SMAW

Weld Test Codes: UA-22, 41, 63, 25, 21
 ASME Section IX and AWS D1.1 stipulate that the above listed groove weld tests also
 qualify the welder to make any size fillet welds on all material thicknesses, all pipe
 diameters, and all positions.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

THIS CERTIFIES THAT
 KEVIN LINTON

IS DULY LICENSED

IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A
 JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER

Rec No. 19245951 License No. JP6158 Expires 12/31/2014

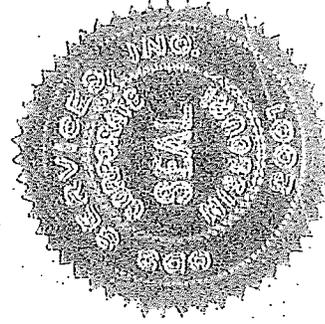
CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION

This is to certify that on April 2, 2014

Kevin Linton

successfully completed the

REASONABLE SUSPICION TESTING - SUPERVISORY TRAINING FOR THE SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE



Dale Hagedorn
President
Construction Data Services