

## Sprinklerfitters State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

### Agenda

Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attend Virtually: [Join the meeting now](#)

Teams Meeting ID: 275 730 566 982 | Passcode: vE9jr3Ls

Attend via Phone: #608-571-2209 | Conference ID: 109 485 505#

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Record Attendees
3. Review Roster
4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Specific Committee Items for Discussion (*Public Comment*)
  - a. Ratio Neutral Language Specific to Licensed Trades (tabled from Fall)
6. Director's Call Discussion
7. WTCS Report
8. DSPS Updates
  - a. Department of Safety and Professional Services-Update on Licensed Trades Requirements (*tabled from Spring*)
  - b. Other
9. Other Discussion Items
10. Review Program Participants
11. Set Next Meeting Date/Time
12. Adjourn





**State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee  
Sprinkler Fitter**

September 23, 2025

10:00am

Virtual

<b>Check if Present</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Organization/Employer</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jake Behringer	Employer: Badgerland Fire Protection LLC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Berth	Employer: JF Ahern Company
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sherry Carlson	Employer: Design Build Fire Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Klug	Employer: Badgerland Fire Protection LLC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Sferra	Employer: Total Mechanical
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Kobb, Co-Chair	Employee: Sprinkler Fitters Local 183 - Milwaukee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Downer Malecki	Employee: Sprinkler Fitters Local 183 - Milwaukee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Natzke	Employee: Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 - District 31
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corey Neuhauser	Employee: Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 - District 15
<b>Check if Present</b>	<b>Consultants &amp; Guests</b>	<b>Organization/Employer</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Polk	Bureau of Apprenticeship, Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liz Pusch	Bureau of Apprenticeship, Deputy Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Melissa Uffelman	Bureau of Apprenticeship, Policy Analyst
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Mayek	Wisconsin Technical College System
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anna Peterson	Total Mechanical
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**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**State Sprinkler Fitter Committee**  
**Melissa Uffelman**

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- **Call Meeting to Order**
  - Note Who: Scott Kobb
  - Note Time: 10:02 am
- **Record Attendees** (in table above)
- **Review Roster**
  - The committee reviewed their current roster. Steve Sferra will submit a new nomination form to get updated.
- **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - Note any Changes: None
  - Motioned to Approve made by: David Natzke
  - Seconded Motion made by: Kevin Klug
- **Specific Committee Items for Discussion** (*Public Comment*)
  - a) **Ratio Neutral Language Specific to Licensed Trades**

Discussed a proposed change to the State standards as follows: *"Apprentices in their 5<sup>th</sup> year who have completed all requirements of their apprentice contract with the exception of passing the State Fire Sprinklerfitter journeyworker exam will not be counted as apprentices or journeyworkers for the purpose of the apprentice to journeyworker ratio."*

General discussion followed by a decision to table this item until the Spring meeting to take it back to their local committees to gather feedback. Motion made by Sherry Carlson and seconded by Steve Sferra. Motion passed.
- **Questions from the Director's Call**
  - The Director's Call recording is available on the State Committee website.
- **WTCS Report**
  - Nothing to report
- **DSPS Updates**
  - Applicant resources were shared with the members.
- **Other Discussion Items**
  - BAS reminded committee members to provide potential topics for discussion at least one month prior to the scheduled meeting.
- **Review program participants –**
  - Scott Kobb questioned the Milwaukee JAC participant data. BAS will review and report out next meeting.
- **Set Next Meeting Date/Time** Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 10 am - Virtual meeting
- **Adjourn**
  - Note Time: 10:32 am
  - Motion to Adjourn made by: Matt Berth
  - Motion Seconded by: Scott Kobb

**Auto Fire Sprinklerfitters:**

**Previous State Standards language: 2014**

**IX. Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers**

- C. Apprentices in the last twelve (12) months of their apprenticeship, and who are current in educational requirements, will not count toward the ratio.

**Proposed Language Addition 2025:**

D. Numeric Ratio Description

Program standards must identify a numeric ratio of apprentices to journeyworkers that is consistent with proper supervision, training, safety, and continuity of employment. The ratio language shall be specific as to its application to the job site, workforce, department, or plant—with the employer's workforce being the preferred manner of expressing the ratio for Wisconsin registered apprenticeship programs. The ratio shall not exceed one journeyworker per apprentice, except where a collective bargaining agreement applies, then the ratio prescribed in the agreement may be used.

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This summary counts employers and apprentices, between 3/1/2025 and 3/1/2026 with contract status as Active & Unassigned in occupation(s) associated with this committee.

Report is based on apprentice contracts where:

- Contract sector is 'Construction'.
- Contract occupation code matches a occupation code assigned to committee.
- Contract sponsor is the employer.

Note: Employers active in more than one occupation or committee can cause Column #3 totals at the Committee or State level to deviate from the summed total of the individual occupation or committee rows.

Occupation	Apprentices									Employers				
	Total	Minority		Females		Union		Non-Union		Total	Union		Non-Union	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
<b>Report Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.9</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27.8</b>
Sprinklerfitter (47-2152.00)	106	13	12.3	1	.9	76	71.7	32	30.2	18	13	72.2	5	27.8

## State Committee Report by Sponsor & Occupation



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Sponsor Name Occupation	Apprentices									Employers				
	Total	Minority		Females		Union		Non-Union		Total	Union		Non-Union	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
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<b>ABC of Wisconsin (All)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Sprinklerfitter (47-2152.00)	32	3	9.4	0	0	0	0	32	100.0	5	0	0	5	100.0
<b>Milwaukee Area Sprinkler Fitter JAC</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sprinklerfitter (47-2152.00)	76	10	13.2	1	1.3	76	100.0	0	0	13	13	100.0	0	0



## Historical Report by Year

Report Period: 2026\* and Previous -10 Years

*Current year is YTD data as of Run Date: 03/04/2026		
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State Auto Fire Sprinkler Committee		
Sponsored Trade Group(s): Construction		
Year	Active Apprentices	Active Employers
2016	55	16
2017	71	18
2018	79	21
2019	90	18
2020	92	19
2021	77	19
2022	86	18
2023	79	17
2024	85	16
2025	80	17
2026	89	18

