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Electrical & Instrumentation State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Agenda

Wednesday – May 12, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attend In-Person:
Madison Metropolitan Sewer District
1610 Moorland Rd Madison

Attend Virtually
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Teams Meeting ID: 223 895 109 946 1 | Passcode: hJ3f2bB2

Attend via Phone: #608-571-2209 | Conference ID: 653 131 568#

Note: Public comment will occur only when noted, after committee discussion and prior to committee action.

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. **Discuss potential change in oversight of the Mechatronics Technician program from Industrial Mechanical & Fluid Maintenance Committee to E&I Committee**
(carryover from spring 25 meeting)
 - b. **Potential Updates/Revisions to Exhibit As** (carryover from spring 25 meeting)
 - i. **Electrical & Instrumentation Tech**
6. **Director's Call Discussion**
7. **WTCS Update**
8. **Other Discussion Items**
9. **Review Program Participants**

10. Set Next Meeting Date/Time

11. Adjourn

State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Electrical and Instrumentation

October 8, 2025

10:00 am

In-Person and/or Virtual: Both

Check if Present	Members	Organization/Employer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Butt, Nate (M)	Quad
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cannestra, Tony (E)	GE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cestkowski, Jim (M)	MPI Products
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathena, Mike (M)	Madison Kipp Corp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Randall, Bob (M)	Brakebush Brothers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steele, Kyle (M)	Domtar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hafeman, Brian (E)	Packing Corp of America
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zak, Tyler (E)	Kimberly Clark Corp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Laehn, Steve (E)	Sargento
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Palzkill, Craig (E)	Madison Metropolitan Sewerage Dist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Woehlke, Scott (E)	Mercury Marine
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Check if Present	Consultants & Guests	Organization/Employer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Polk, David	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pusch, Liz	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	O'Shasky, Lynn	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pelikan, Leslie	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abbott, Nick	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nowak, Raquel	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Herber, Ryan	Bureau of Apprenticeship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mayak, Mandy	WTCS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hanson, Kristal	Ahlstrom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hintz, Jonathan	Transcontinental
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1. Call Meeting to Order

- Note Who: Nate Butt
- Note Time: 10:04 am

2. Introductions and Record Attendees (in table above) **NO QUORUM**

3. Review Roster

- Note any Changes: N/A

4. Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

- Note any Changes: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Motioned to Approve made by: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Seconded Motion made by: Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Specific Committee Items for Discussion (*Public Comment*)

a. **Discuss potential Change in oversight of the Mechatronics Technician Program from Industrial Mechanical & Fluid Maintenance Committee to E&I Committee** (*follow up from spring meeting discussion*)

Tony and Nate both requested to be invited for the IMFM Statewide meeting on 10/14/25.

b. **Potential Updates/Revisions to Exhibit As**

Electrical & Instrumentation Tech

Sub group will be formed to participate in a modified dacum process with WIDS to review hours, competencies and coursework. Members identified as: Nate Butt, Tony Cannestra, Tyler Zak, Bob Randall. Greg Koshollek from FVTC has agreed to participate for educational input.

6. Questions from the Director's Call

- Note Questions/Comments: Question posed regarding Certification for Transition to Trainer instructors. Individuals at sponsor locations can become certified. Becoming certified does not obligate one to become an instructor. Anyone can attend a Transition to Trainer class if sponsor feels it is appropriate. Mandy shared link for more information. on the certification classes: <https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FY-2025-26-WTCS-Online-Courses.pdf>

7. WTCS Update

- Transition to Trainer discussion developed into "Mentorship" class discussion. Is there a need for "Mentorship" classes for other employees? If developed, could this class be eligible for CEU credits? Could the class be tied to promotional opportunities with sponsors? This could be a developing topic.

8. Other

- Note Questions/Comments: Well received discussion regarding Automation as a one year add-on or possible capstone class in conjunction with industrial electrician program or potential for 2 year standalone with prerequisites. There are currently sponsors utilizing corporate trainings to get the automation classes they need. Possibility of development of Advanced Automation Tech type program. Outreach to employers would be first step, followed by discussions with WIDS and WTCS.
- Tony requested breakdown of what employers are training which occupations. BAS will check if this is an available report that can be shared.
- Suggestion of "best practices" for sponsors. BAS will share local TAG information for "in-house" committees.

Review program participants

- Note Questions/Comments: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

9. Set Next Meeting Date/Time

- Note Next Meeting: May 12, 2026 10:00 am

10. Adjourn

- Note Time: 11:35 am
- Motion to Adjourn made by: Nate Butt
- Motion Seconded by: Tony Cannestra



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 'Industrial'.
- 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
Report Total	988	143	14.5	26	2.6	436	44.1	558	56.5	307	97	31.6	214	69.7
Electrical and Instrumentation (E & I) Technician (17-3024.00)	223	20	9.0	3	1.3	148	66.4	77	34.5	71	34	47.9	37	52.1
Electrical/Instrument Tech (00-0000.00)	1	1	100.0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	1	0	0	1	100.0
Industrial Electrician (49-2094.00)	426	65	15.3	15	3.5	176	41.3	252	59.2	164	48	29.3	116	70.7
Instrument Mechanic (00-0000.00)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0	1	0	0	1	100.0
Maintenance Electrician (00-0000.00)	7	1	14.3	0	0	7	100.0	0	0	2	2	100.0	0	0
Maintenance Technician (49-9071.00)	351	59	16.8	8	2.3	120	34.2	232	66.1	135	33	24.4	105	77.8



Historical Report by Year

Report Period: 2026* and Previous -10 Years

*Current year is YTD data as of Run Date: 03/04/2026		
Run Date: 03/04/2026		
State Electrical & Instrumentation Comm		
Sponsored Trade Group(s): Industrial		
Year	Active Apprentices	Active Sponsors
2016	506	184
2017	529	186
2018	619	218
2019	700	247
2020	750	259
2021	737	269
2022	774	266
2023	782	262
2024	808	277
2025	813	277
2026	792	276

