

## **Electrical Technology Advisory Board Spring Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday March 25 2025

5:00-6:00pm

WRCC TIC Building Room 302a

In attendance: Brian Tyler (AL Tyler and Sons), Joe Mialkowski (King's Electric) Christopher Hamblet (Hamblet Electric) Glenn Letourneau (PV Squared Solar) and Justin Corey (JC Electric).

-Former students who are current apprentices are all doing great and there is a possibility that a couple of the companies will be looking to hire students from my current program as apprentices after graduation this year.

-All of the contractors love the current curriculum and the projects being done, they are very excited that we've added the second structure to the lab.

-We discussed the impact of tariffs on the trade and my program. All are at least a little nervous on what may be coming our way. Concern about loss of work due to price increases due to tariffs as well as knowing that some grants will disappear as well and this will have an impact. There is hope that apprentices will be added this year, but also concerns around keeping the crews they have in place busy.

-I share with them the DEI/Belonging work that I am doing in the center and I explained to them how doing this work for my students has made me a "marked man" and I shared with them my concerns as an educator in the current political climate.

-We discussed future projects as well as some possible future collaborations.

-We discussed the recent gifts my program received from the Ideal company and the conversations I've had with the Milwaukee tool company and the potential of donations from them.

-I also reminded them about my Career Center evening class, once a month, for any apprentice and they shared their appreciation for that program as well.