

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING
STATE OF ARKANSAS**

IN RE: Jesse Schreckhise – **WAIVER REQUEST**

ORDER

This matter came before the Board of Electrical Examiners (the “Board”) on Tuesday January 23, 2024. The petitioner, Jesse Schreckhise (“Schreckhise”), seeks approval for an electrical apprenticeship license. Schreckhise is currently ineligible to obtain an electrical apprenticeship license due to a prior felony conviction. The Board of Electrical Examiners has authority to waive disqualification of a license due to a criminal conviction if the Board decides that the applicant meets requirements listed in Arkansas Code § 17-3-102(b)(2).

FINDING OF FACT:

1. Schreckhise is requesting approval from the Board to obtain an electrical apprenticeship license. Due to his prior felony conviction from 2017, he is ineligible for licensure.
2. Schreckhise appeared before the Board in person for the hearing.
3. Schreckhise’s employer also appeared in-person and requested approval from the board to allow the semester Schreckhise had completed of apprenticeship to be counted towards his total time earned.
4. Staff reviewed documents provided by Schreckhise and recommended approving the waiver request.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The Board has authority to waive disqualification of licensure due to a criminal conviction pursuant to Arkansas Code § 17-3-102(b)(1).
2. A basis upon which a waiver may be granted includes without limitation:
 - a. The age at which the offense was committed;
 - b. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
 - c. The length of time since the offense was committed;
 - d. Subsequent work history since the offense was committed;
 - e. Employment references since the offense was committed;
 - f. Character references since the offense was committed;
 - g. Relevance of the offense to the occupational license; and
 - h. Other evidence demonstrating that licensure of the applicant does not pose a threat to the health and safety of the public. Arkansas Code § 17-3-102(b)(2).
3. In the present case, the Board was informed of the nature of the criminal conviction and reviewed professional reference letters provided by Schreckhise.
4. Schreckhise appeared before the Board in-person for the hearing.
5. The Board was satisfied with the information Schreckhise provided and voted to approve her waiver request. In addition, the board approved Schreckhise's first semester of his apprenticeship program be accepted as part of its approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, the Board grants Jesse Schreckhise's waiver request to obtain an electrical apprenticeship license and will allow credit for the first semester apprenticeship hours she has completed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS BOARD OF ELECTRICAL
EXAMINERS

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Charlotte Bradley, Chair

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