

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF  
ARKANSAS**

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND LICENSING**

**DIVISION OF LABOR**

**IN RE:        David Woods DBA Welco Electric  
                 169 Blue Bonnett Trail  
                 Hot Springs, AR 71822  
                 Case # JB05092023C**

**ORDER**

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, this matter came before the Board of Electrical Examiners of the Department of Labor and Licensing of the State of Arkansas (the "Board"). Miles Morgan, Associate Counsel, Department of Labor and Licensing, represented the Board. David Woods ("Woods") was properly notified and appeared before the Board on behalf of Welco Electric for the hearing. Based on the testimony and other evidence, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On May 9, 2023, Board Inspector, Joshua Baldwin ("Baldwin"), performed electrical license checks at a new construction site in Little River County, Arkansas.
2. Baldwin testified that he made contact with Cayge Speece and Steven Tenorio who had been engaging in electrical work at the construction site.
3. Cayge Speece's apprentice license appeared to have a revoked status, but Baldwin confirmed that the revoked status was not accurate due to a name spelling error in the Department's licensing system.
4. Steven Tenorio was within the 30-day grace period for an apprenticeship license.
5. Woods testified that he provided the correct license for Cayge Speece to Baldwin that reflected a valid apprenticeship license. Baldwin confirmed to the Board that Woods provided that information.

6. John Speece, licensed master electrician and supervisor for Welco Electric, testified that he had been present with Cayge Speece and Steven Tenorio on May 9, 2023 at the construction site, but had to temporarily leave the site to retrieve materials in Texarkana, Arkansas.

7. John Speece testified that he was traveling to Texarkana at the time Baldwin made contact with Cayge Speece and Steven Tenorio at the construction site.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. No person shall perform electrical work in this state or display or use any title, sign, card, advertisement, or other device to indicate that the person performs electrical work or is an electrician unless the person has first obtained a license to perform electrical work pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, or the individual is exempted from licensing pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Arkansas Code § 17-28-304.

2. An apprentice electrician shall not engage in electrical work unless he or she is supervised by a master electrician or a journeyman electrician. Arkansas Code § 17-28-312(b)(1).

3. Rule 010.13-013(H)(6)(b) of the Administrative Rules of the Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners provides that an apprentice electrician shall not engage in electrical work unless he or she is supervised by a master electrician or a journeyman electrician.

4. Arkansas Code § 17-28-309(b)(1) provides that “[a] civil penalty may be assessed against any person, firm, or corporation by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards and Commissions and subject to appeal and hearing before the Board of Electrical Examiners of the State of Arkansas according to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., if it is determined that the person, firm, or corporation has violated any:

(A) Provision of this chapter;

(B) Provision in the Arkansas Electrical Code Authority Act, § 20-31-101 et seq.;

(C) Rule or order issued by the board; or

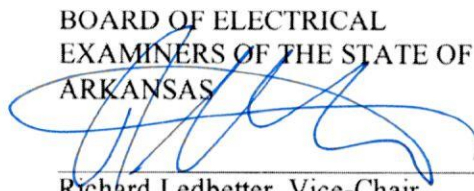
(D) Condition of a license, certificate, or registration issued by the board.”

5. For each violation, the penalty shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a first offense. Arkansas Code § 17-28-309(b)(2)(A).

5. The Board votes to uphold one penalty of \$250 for violating Arkansas Code § 17-28-312(b)(1) and one penalty of \$250 for violating Rule 010013-013(H)(6)(b) of the Administrative Rules of the Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners for a total penalty of \$500.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Welco Electric is assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$500.

BOARD OF ELECTRICAL  
EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF  
ARKANSAS

  
Richard Ledbetter, Vice-Chair

9-21-23  
Date

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