

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF CHASE GRAHAM, RESPONDENT**

**LICENSE NO. M-7793 EXP 12/31/2024**

**CASE NO. JB01192024B**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION OF LAW AND ORDER**

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas Board of Electrical Examiners("Board") at 1:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024, located at 900 West Capitol Ave, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201. Chase Graham ("Respondent") did not appear personally nor was represented by counsel. Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing Counsel Lacie Kirchner appeared on behalf of the Board.

Finding proper notice had been given Respondent, the Board, from all the evidence presented, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Chase Graham ("Respondent") is licensed by the Board as a Master Electrician in the State of Arkansas by license no. M-7793.
2. Respondent owns and operates Graham Brothers Electric Incorporated.
3. On January 19, 2024, State Electrical Inspector Joshua Baldwin stopped to perform a spot inspection on electrical work being performed near 840 Steel Avenue, Conway, Arkansas, after driving by and noticing a new construction residence being completed with construction vehicles and an electrical vehicle displaying Graham Brothers Electric on the passenger door outside the residence.
4. While on site, Inspector Baldwin met with the following employees of Graham Brothers Electric Inc.:
  - a. Gary Freeling (license no. J-13623);
  - b. Jason Evans (license no. M-8150);
  - c. Tyner Redden (license no. EA-25951);

- d. Nicholas Newton (license no. EA-26414); and
- e. Yahir Camargo (license no. EA-31104).
5. Upon review of the employees' licenses, Inspector Baldwin noted that Tyner Redden and Nicholas Newton were both working on expired Apprentice licenses.
6. Tyner Redden's license had expired on 7/31/2023, six (6) months prior to the site visit by Inspector Baldwin.
7. Nicholas Newton's license had expired on 10/31/2023, three (3) months prior to the site visit by Inspector Baldwin.
8. Inspector Baldwin was informed by Mr. Redden and Mr. Newton that they were both active in apprenticeship school of Charles Fulmer and believed their licenses were active.
9. While Inspector Baldwin was on site, Mr. Redden and Mr. Newton acknowledged they were employees of Graham Brothers Electric and were unable to continue performing electrical work until such time as they had renewed their licenses.
10. Mr. Redden renewed his license while Inspector Baldwin was on site on January 19, 2024.
11. As of the date of this order, Mr. Newton has not renewed his license.
12. On or about February 13, 2024, Respondent was notified via regular and certified mail of nine (9) violations of the Board's rule for employing unregistered apprentices and assessed a one-thousand- and eight-hundred-dollar (\$1,800) penalty for the nine (9) violations. Respondent was further notified that each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense.
13. Respondent requested a hearing before the Board to dispute the nine (9) assessed violations.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent's actions, as set forth above in Findings of Fact 5-11, constitute violations of Ark. Code Ann. §17-28-309 and Board rule 010.13-017 in that Respondent is a person licensed by the Board who employed unregistered apprentices to perform electrical work without an exemption.

**ORDER**

1. Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of one-thousand- and eight-hundred-dollar (\$1,800) within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.
2. Any further violations of law or the rules of the Board or failure on the part of the Respondent to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order may result in his being denied a license to practice.

**Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212, Respondent may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the Circuit Court in the county in which he resides or does business or in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days after service of this order.**

ARKANSAS BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS, DEPARTMENT  
OF LABOR AND LICENSING,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS

By: Charlotte Bradley  
Charlotte Bradley, Chair

Date: 6-3-2024

Approved as to form:  
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