

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019
Approved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Todd Cash, Vice Chair
John Claeys
Tim Gerald
Tammy Cooper
Colby Black
Bob Hendricks
Kathleen Stoppelmoor

Board Members Not Present

Dan Wood
Penny Clark
TJ Meiners

Staff Members Present

Brian Young, Executive Secretary
Cindi Hayes, Secretary II
John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General's Office

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

CP Stoldorf asked for the board members to introduce themselves.

CP Stoldorf moved to the first item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from August 15, 2019. Stoppelmoor made a **motion** to **approve the open minutes**. VC Cash **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Hendricks made a **motion** to **approve the closed session minutes**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the report of the Executive Secretary.

ES Young reviewed the financial report, which was previously provided to the Board for their review, and directed the Board's attention to revenue and expense items.

The next item on ES Young's report was the civil penalty letters for electricians working without licenses. Those individuals receiving civil penalty letters were: *Chas Nekola, Gregory Lang, Nicholas Wyman, Drew Ficken, Neil Hofstadter, Ian Johnson, Derek Thomas, Seth Skahill, Jacob Lambrecht, Amir Mekanovic, Sean Murphy, Lucas Smith, Montana Woods, Shawwna Fahrenkrog, Robert Lincoln, Jacob DeVolder, Joshua Hoover, John Seaba, Devin Turner, Samuel Brugman, Michael Seedorff, John Hall, Austin Lumsdon, Haris Mumic, Jaydon Launstein, Daniel Rubalcada, Nicholas Gibbs, Travis Dowie, Scott Bender, Shane Larkin, Justin Young, Brandon Kolo, Austin Wells, Dylan Richardson, Rees Christensen, Robert Sporrer, Jerrod Reckhemmer, William Murphy, and Stephen Anderson*. Gerald made **motion** to **approve the letters**, and VC Cash **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

ES Young directed the Board to enforcement letters that had been sent out from August 7, 2019 through October 7, 2019 for permitting and inspection violations, which do not require Board action. Chair

Stoldorf explained the enforcement letter process stating enforcement letters are sent out to individuals that are not in compliance with Iowa Code 103. Enforcement letters sent were of the following types and the number of each type sent: 6-Permit Required, 8-Cease & Desist, 2-Improper Supervision, 2-Permit Required & Improper Licensure, 2-Improper Licensure, 1-Permit Required & Cease & Desist, 2-Opportunity to Correct, & 1-Unethical Conduct.

The next item on the agenda was a permitting system update. ES Young stated he is pausing the permitting system testing. This is due to testing not going as planned and license renewals starting. A new "Go-Live" date will be determined for the permitting system at a later date, pending on license renewal workload.

The next item on the agenda was an update from ES Young's attendance at the National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) meeting. Fifteen reciprocating states were in attendance. Currently, ES Young asks the Board each year to grant voting rights for his participation in the meeting. ES Young asked the Board to consider formally appointing the Executive Secretary to be the official voting member from IEEB for NERA business, going forward. NERA discussed creating a Journeyman exam that could be administered by all NERA States and that exam would then be accepted by all NERA States. This would allow an electrician to sit for one exam that could be recognized by multiple states.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the date for pre-adoption training by NFPA covering the 2020 National Electric Code. Dates were discussed and ES Young will check on availability.

The next item on the agenda was to vote on the reciprocity agreement with New Hampshire. Only the Journeyman license will be reciprocated. Gerald made a **motion to approve the New Hampshire reciprocity agreement as written**. Cooper **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda, ES Young asked the Board for further discussion regarding South Dakota testing score at 70% and Iowa requiring 75% passing score. ES Young will reach out to ICC to determine the test content for 70% versus 75%.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the reciprocity agreements with Idaho and Texas. ES Young stated Idaho is interested in reciprocating and the Texas Governor needs to sign their agreement that has been approved by their director.

The next item on the agenda concerned the new inspector position for northwest Iowa; that posting has closed and interviews will be forthcoming. Another inspector will be retiring in the northeast section of Iowa next year along with an office staff member. Both job positions are getting approval for replacement.

The next item on the agenda, ES Young asked the Board to discuss the felony application process for individuals currently incarcerated and enrolled in the US Department of Labor apprenticeship program. ES Young and AAG John Lundquist attended a meeting held between the Governor's staff and the Department of Corrections (DOC). AAG Lundquist stated that SF 567, includes a provision that precludes the DOC from offering, to currently incarcerated inmates, to participate in vocational training in a US Department of Labor apprenticeship program, where licensing of the inmate may later be denied by the Electrical Examining Board due to the type of felony charged. Stoppelmoor made a **motion to allow ES Young and AAG Lundquist to work together to draft a letter to DOC advising that incarcerated persons can be registered with the US Department of Labor and they may apply for a license after they have been released from incarceration, subject to rules and conditions in place at that time**. Black **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf suggested the board go into closed session, as indicated on the Agenda, to properly discuss the applications where there is a statutory requirement to protect information not available in the public domain.

Hendricks made a **motion to go in to closed session to discuss felony applications**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. CP Stoldorf asked AAG Lundquist to verify why the Board was going into closed session, and if it is being done under advice of Counsel, which he stated was 21.5(1)(a), and he confirmed it is upon his advice. Motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

Cooper – Aye
Black – Aye
Claeys - Aye
Hendricks - Aye
Cash - Aye
Stoldorf – Aye
Gerald – Aye
Stoppelmoor – Aye

Board left Open Session at 11:32 a.m.

Closed session here (corresponding Minutes are omitted and not public).

OPEN MINUTES RESUME

Board returned to Open Session at 11:58 a.m.

The Board continued with the agenda item on license applications.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for Christopher Estelle; Gerald made a **motion to deny licensure**, and Stoppelmoor **seconded** the motion. 7 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for Jonathan Bever; Stoppelmoor made a **motion to deny licensure**, and Black **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for William Steward; Gerald made a **motion to deny licensure**, and Cooper **seconded** the motion. 5 Aye, 3 Nay. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Other Board Business, and there was none.

CP Stoldorf called for public comment, and with no public in attendance, there was no comment.

The next Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2019.

Stoppelmoor made a **motion to adjourn**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary II