

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020
Approved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Todd Cash, Vice Chair
John Claeys
Dan Wood
Colby Black
Bob Hendricks
Tammy Cooper

Board Members Present by Conference Call

TJ Meiners

Board Members Not Present

Tim Gerald
Kathleen Stoppelmoor
Penny Clark

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 10:01 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 December 19, 2019. Hendricks made a **motion** to **accept the open session minutes**. Black **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Black made a **motion** to **approve the closed session minutes**. VC Cash **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: *Jarren Goode, Andrew Murray, Franklin Lisk, Adam Pommer, Giancarlo Nieto, Jared Myers, Brett Castle, Rick Krug, Cody Kirby, Michael Hinds, and Jacob Symmonds*. Claeys made **motion** to **approve the letters**, and Cooper **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

ES Young directed the Board to enforcement letters that had been sent out from December 12, 2019 through February 12, 2020 for permitting and inspection violations, which do not require Board action. ES Young 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: 15 Permit Required, 1 Permit Required & Cease and Desist, 1 Cease & Desist, 3 Improper Licensure & Supervision, 1 Unprofessional & Unethical Conduct and 2 Notice of Opportunity to Correct.

The next item on the agenda was a permitting system update. ES Young stated that testing has resumed. Anticipated "Go-Live" date to be March 16, 2020. New permit system will have an enforcement process that will issue a case number, send letters to the contractor or homeowner and complaints can be recorded. The email notification to contractors, regarding the permit site update, has been drafted.

The next item on the agenda was a license renewal update. ES Young stated that the license grace period will end on March 31, 2020. So far, approximately 15,000 licenses have renewed.

The next item on the agenda was a waiver request from Jason Hirschler. He is requesting 2 more test attempts. After discussion, Claeys made a **motion** to **allow 2 more testing attempts for Mr. Hirschler**. Cooper **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda, ES Young stated the new inspector for northeast Iowa, Dustin Hager, will start on March 20, 2020. The selected Clerk Specialist applicant is undergoing a background check.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion to add members to the Code Adoption Subcommittee. This committee will review amendments regarding the 2020 National Electric Code. Anticipated adoption of the 2020 NEC is January 1, 2021.

Other Board Business was moved as CP Stoldorf asked ES Young to explain any bills being discussed at the State Capital. Senate Study Bill 3152 was to combine several licensing boards into one general board. That bill will probably not go forward.

ES Young turned the meeting back over to CP Stoldorf, who 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**. Black **seconded** the motion. Chair 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:

Claeys – Yes
Black – Yes
Hendricks - Yes
Wood – Yes
Cash - Yes
Stoldorf – Yes
Cooper – Yes
Meiners – Yes

Board left Open Session at 10:45 a.m.

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

OPEN MINUTES RESUME

Board returned to Open Session at 11:26 a.m.

The Board returned to the agenda item on license applications.

In regard to the Journeyman Class A application for William Hargis; Claeys made a **motion** to **approve licensure**, and Black **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for Christopher Estelle; VC Cash made a **motion** to **approve licensure**, and Hendricks **seconded** the motion. 6 Aye, 2 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person which was previously denied for Johnathan Bever; VC Cash made a motion to **reaffirm denial of licensure**, and Claeys seconded the motion. 4 Aye, 4 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for Patrick Lewis; Black made a **motion** to **deny licensure**, and Cooper **seconded** the motion. 6 Aye, 2 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for Arturo De La Torre; Meiners made a **motion** to **deny licensure**, and Black **seconded** the motion. 5 Aye, 3 Nay. Motion carried. AAG Lundquist stated this would be a very hard case for him to defend.

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

The next Board meeting will be held on April 16, 2020.

Claeys made a **motion** to **adjourn**. Cooper **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary II