

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2020
Approved

Board Members Present by Conference Call Due to Covid 19 Governor's Proclamation

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Todd Cash, Vice Chair
TJ Meiners
Dan Wood
Tim Gerald
Colby Black
Bob Hendricks

Board Members Not Present

John Claeys
Kathleen Stoppelmoor
Penny Clark
Tammy Cooper

Staff Members Present

Brian Young, Executive Secretary
Cindi Hayes, Secretary II

Staff Member Present by Conference Call

John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General's Office

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

CP Stoldorf moved to the first item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from February 20, 2020. Hendricks made a **motion to accept the open session minutes**. VC Cash **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. VC Cash made a **motion to approve the closed session minutes**. Black **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf requested to rearrange the agenda to accommodate Public Comment from Jeff Duehlmeyer of the City of Des Moines and Brad Winters, who were present by conference call.

The next item discussed was the process for adopting the 2020 National Electrical Code. Meiners explained the process for adoption and the subcommittee is reviewing input received from the industry. Jeff Duehlmeyer discussed the requirement for arc fault receptacles as replacement for 2-prong receptacles and stated the City of Des Moines would like to add input for an exemption to the subcommittee, and added to that the additional cost to the consumer for surge protection on new services, and concerns about placing air conditioning compressors on a GFI. Per ES Young, Brian Bishop, also with the City of Des Moines, has been in email communication with ES Young, regarding these exemptions. Mr. Duehlmeyer left the meeting.

The next item moved on the agenda was the review of a reciprocal license application from Brad Winters. Mr. Winters explained he had held a master license in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin for several years. Mr. Winters did not complete the required 18 hours of Iowa continuing education by the expiration date of December 31, 2019 to renew his license for 2020-2022, per Iowa Code 103.18. Mr. Winters stated he

knew he was short 2 of the 18 hours, but was busy and did not have time to take the other 2 hours. He had taken an eight hour online class through Mike Holt and thought that it could be approved. The online class was not accepted for Iowa credit as Mike Holt did not submit his class for approval by the Iowa Electrical Examining Board to teach Iowa online classes, only in-person classes. Mr. Winters also explained that other states, Minnesota and Wisconsin, allow a grace period to complete continuing education after expiration of their license. Iowa's requirement is by law, so he would need to contact his legislator regarding a change to Iowa Code 103. After further discussion, ES Young stated that Mr. Winters can be sponsored to sit for the Iowa Master exam. Assistant Attorney General Lundquist stated that Mr. Winters could submit a Request of Waiver or Variance regarding the Mike Holt online course for the Board to discuss at a future Board meeting. AAG Lundquist and CP Stoldorf suggested Mr. Winters reach out to Mike Holt to provide class material for the 8 hour online course to the Board for review. Mr. Winters left the meeting.

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: *Rogan Roosa, Jason Goedken, Chance Holder, Troy Stoll, Joshua Lundy, Brennan Cline, Tanner Susin, Kolt Stulz, Nicholas Fuller, Derek Hensley, Nicholous Smith, Derek Applegate, Jared Denny, Calvin Schneider, Brock Linafelter, Joshua Gavin & Carlos Franco-Vasquez*. VC Cash made a **motion** to **approve the letters**, and Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

ES Young directed the Board to enforcement letters that had been sent out from February 13, 2020 through April 1, 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: *2 Permit Required & Cease and Desist, 2 Cease & Desist, 1 Improper Licensure & Supervision, and 2 Notice of Opportunity to Correct*.

The next item on the agenda was a permitting system update. ES Young stated that the Legacy Permitting and Inspection system was taken offline on April 3, 2020 and the new system went online on April 6, 2020. Issues encountered are mostly contributed to the Legacy data merge.

The next item on the agenda was a waiver request from Steve Owen with National Code Seminars. Three classes were taught to 14 attendees without prior approval for 2020-2022. The course taught was approved for the 2017-2019 license cycle. After discussion, Hendricks made a **motion** to **grant the waiver**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda, ES Young stated the he has re-posted the Clerk Specialist position as the candidate did not meet the background requirements and the time-frame lapsed.

The next item on the agenda was online continuing education requests. ES Young stated he has received several providers wanting to teach online CEUs due to the current Coronavirus situation. Applications were received from Iowa Central Community College, AETech Electrical Training Center, Education Power and WLN Enterprises. After discussion, Meiners made a **motion** to **approve use of online platforms, "Cisco Webex", "Zoom", or "Go To" until December 31, 2020 by Board staff**. Gerald **seconded** the

motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. CEU providers wishing to use online training will still need to submit the required information to Board staff for approval.

The next item on the agenda was Other Board business. Hendricks asked if state inspectors were still performing inspections. ES Young stated that inspections are being performed and all inspectors have been given PPE and are not required to go anywhere they do not feel comfortable. Hendricks also asked when the 2020 NEC Adoption subcommittee will meet. ES Young stated he would like to meet within the next few weeks and have something to bring to the full Board at the June meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on June 18, 2020.

VC Cash made a **motion to adjourn**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary II