

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021
Approved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Todd Cash, Vice Chair
Dan Wood
John Claeys
Tim Gerald
Colby Black
Luiza Fritz
Jonathan Gettler
Amanda Cooling

Board Member Not Present

Bob Hendricks

Staff Members Present

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

Public Present by Conference Call

Troy Harris – Iowa Central Community College
Dan Beeding – IBEW LU 13

Public Present

Sara Fasching – Alliant Energy
Jeff Kinley – Bray Sales
Dave Sullivan – Sullivan Training

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

CP Stoldorf requested ES Young to move to the Public Hearing on the Notice of Intended Action, ARC 5587C, who then asked AAG Lundquist to start the Public Hearing. AAG John Lundquist explained that the Board's administrative rules are intended to implement our conforming regulations in relation to HF2627, which had amended Iowa Code Chapter 272C, and how the Board is to deal with licensing of individuals from other jurisdictions who have licenses or experience, as well as, persons with disqualifying criminal history. AAG Lundquist asked for public comment. There was none, so AAG Lundquist asked CP Stoldorf to recess the public hearing until later in the meeting. Claeys made a **motion to recess the public hearing**. VC Cash **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried. AAG Lundquist turned the meeting back over to CP Stoldorf.

CP Stoldorf asked the board members to introduce themselves.

CP Stoldorf asked non-board members who joined by phone and in-person to introduce themselves.

CP Stoldorf moved to the first item on the agenda which was the election of Chair and Vice Chair persons. Gerald nominated CP Stoldorf and VC Cash to retain their positions. Claeys made a **motion to cease nominations**. Black **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried. Gerald made a **motion to ratify the nominations**. Black **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried.

CP Stoldorf moved to the next item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from March 18, 2021. VC Cash made a **motion to accept the minutes as written**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried.

CP Stoldorf turned the meeting over to ES Young, who requested to re-arrange the agenda to accommodate Troy Harris and Iowa Central Community College's curriculum change due to Iowa Department of Education change and a Waiver Request to the Post-Secondary Electrical Program due to the percentage of lab vs. lecture content. ES Young went on to state, that in a subcommittee meeting with Mr. Harris, that the lab to lecture curriculum percentage was out of ratio. The required ratio is 60% to 70% lab hours and 30% to 40% lecture hours of the 2,000 required hours. Their ratio for the 2020-2021 school year was 42.35% lecture and 57.65% for lab hours. Claeys made a **motion to accept the curriculum change**. Black **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried. VC Cash made a **motion to approve the Waiver Request**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried.

ES Young then moved to the agenda item of the Waiver Request for Bray Sales. ES Young stated that Bray Sales, that is a distributor for Millbank meter sockets, submitted a waiver concerning Art. 230.71. Bray Sales representative, Jeff Kinley, stated that the 2020 NEC now requires separate compartments in a meter socket. This is due to an NFPA 70E in regards to worker safety. Bray Sales is requesting a delay in the equipment requirement until September 1, 2021, due to unavailability of equipment components. Discussion ensued. Gerald made a **motion to deny the waiver request** due to this being in the code for about 1 ½ years. Fritz **seconded** the motion. 7 Aye, 1 Nay (Black), 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). Motion carried.

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: *Shane Promes, Daniel Goodwin, Khiry Hopkins, Jacob Rupe, Jacob Gardner, Benjamin Mouw, Michael Ottaway, Dylan Cunningham, James Lake, Sean Griesenbeck, Jason Azbill Jr, Kyle Coleman, Tyler Kirkman-Macklin, Brenden Six, Todd Nelson, Zachariah Dalaba, Robert Jeffries, Eli Smith, Cody Pearson and Brandon Richmond*. Gerald made a **motion to approve the letters**, and Claeys **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a waiver request from the Des Moines JATC for a course approval. Gerald made a **motion to approve the waiver request**. VC Cash **seconded** the notion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried.

ES Young moved to the review of licensure request made by Dan Oakley. The Investigative subcommittee met with Mr. Oakley. AAG Lundquist gave some background and stated that Mr. Oakley had held a Master Class A license, but did not complete the required continuing education to renew the license. Per Iowa Code 103, Mr. Oakley was required to sit for the master exam to re-gain the license. Mr. Oakley chose to sit for the Residential Master license and not the master exam and has held the Residential

Master license since passing the exam. Mr. Oakley has now made application for the Master Class B license. AAG Lundquist went on to state the application was denied, by staff, due to the lapsing of his Master Class A license. The Class B license is a license that is restricted in certain cities. Mr. Oakley would be approved to sit for the master exam, and test vendor PSI, may be able to extend accommodations for testing. AAG Lundquist explained that the Iowa Code concerning the class B license was to be used as a bridge for those experienced electricians that would eventually age-out and the license would not remain available. AAG Lundquist cited Iowa Code 103.35, which explains, in part, that the willful and repeated violation of not renewing a license based on the continuing education requirement would be basis for denying the Master Class B license to Mr. Oakley. Discussion ensued. Gerald made a **motion to deny the licensure request**. Black **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). Motion carried.

ES Young moved to the next agenda item which was discussion of Article 230.71 and temporary services. ES Young is seeking guidance from the board on if they would like to create a policy to help the Board's staff when conducting inspections on temporary services. The Board adopted a policy that will allow a grace period for these existing temporary service to be used until 12/31/2021. Then on January 1, 2022, temporary services will need to comply with the 2020 NEC as written.

ES Young turned the meeting back over to CP Stoldorf.

CP Stoldorf called for public comment. Dave Sullivan stated that he would like to bring to the Board's attention regarding Article 230.71, and temporary installations, that there are some contractors concerned of the cost for installing to this requirement.

The next item on the agenda was Other Board Business. ES Young stated that the next board meeting will be July 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

ES Young also stated that the legislature overturned and removed the expiration date on the current amendments that were made to the 2020 NEC that were in effect until December 31, 2021, through HF 871. The current amendments will remain in place until the board adopts new amendments or the 2023 NEC. The House and Senate passed HF 871 and has been sent to the Governor's desk for her signature. ES Young will notify contactors and instructors of this change after it is signed.

ES Young also stated that he received information from Texas, that they have removed Article 210.8(F) from the 2020 NEC.

ES Young turned the meeting back over to CP Stoldorf. CP Stoldorf re-opened the Public Hearing. Claeys made a **motion to come out of recess and return to the Public Hearing**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). Motion carried. CP Stoldorf asked AAG Lundquist to again explain ARC 5587C who then asked for public comment. Hearing none, CP Stoldorf asked for a motion. VC Cash made a **motion to adjourn the Public Hearing**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). Motion carried. ES Young stated that if the Board felt the need to take other additional proposed amendments back to the Administrative Rules committee, that they can be re-visited.

Claeys made a **motion to adjourn**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. Chair Stoldorf called for the vote, 8 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Not Voting (Stoldorf). All in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary II