

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2020
Unapproved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Todd Cash, Vice Chair
Jon Claeys
Dan Wood (Left meeting at 10:45 a.m.)
Tim Gerald
Bob Hendricks

Board Members Present by Conference Call

TJ Meiners (Left meeting at 11:32 a.m.)
Colby Black

Board Members Not Present

Kathleen Stoppelmoor
Tammy Cooper
Penny Clark

Staff Members Present

Brian Young, Executive Secretary
Cindi Hayes, Secretary II

Staff Member Present

John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General's Office

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

CP Stoldorf requested to rearrange the agenda to accommodate guests in attendance, both in person and by conference call, regarding discussion on adopting the 2020 NEC. Guests present were Brett Larson with Schneider Electric, Drew Retz and Jay Iverson with Home Builders Association of Iowa (HBAI), Don Iverson with Schneider Electric, Tim McClintock and David Smith with National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). Sub-committee Chair Meiners stated that, prior to adoption, one section of the 2020 NEC where the Board would like to propose an amendment is Article 210.8A - GFI protection on voltages larger than 125 volts, not 240-volt equipment. Another section was to delete Article 210.8F – Outdoor outlets ground fault circuit protection. ES Young stated that this is the first step of the rulemaking process and the Board can provide more recommendations to the sub-committee. ES Young suggested the sub-committee meet again to discuss the proposed amendments.

The Board returned to the agenda item regarding nominations for Chair Person and Vice Chair.

CP Stoldorf called for nominations for Chair Person. Claeys nominated CP Stoldorf to remain as Chair Person. Claeys made a **motion** to **accept Marg Stoldorf as Chair Person**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. CP Stoldorf called for nominations for Vice Chair. Claeys nominated Todd Cash to remain as Vice Chair. Claeys made a **motion to accept Todd Cash as Vice Chair**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf moved to the next item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from April 16, 2020. VC Cash made a **motion to amend the minutes to reflect that the meeting was held via conference call due to the Governor's Covid 19 Proclamation**. Hendricks **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: *Lucas Duhaime, Cameron Archibald, Steven Paul, Robert Klein, Riley Rittgers, Noah Messersmith, Erik Hayek, Zachary Goble, Jordan Kelling, Jordan Borts, Levi Coppage, Cody Calhoun, Dylan Larson, Caleb DeVore, Isaac Niles, and Matthew McElrath*. Gerald made a **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 April 2, 2020 through June 9, 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: *12 Permit Required, 2 Cease & Desist, 12 Improper Licensure & Supervision, and 4 Notice of Opportunity to Correct*.

The next item on the agenda was to review a waiver request from Brad Winters. Mr. Winters requested the Board accept online class hours he attended that were not pre-approved by the Board. AAG Lundquist explained Iowa Department of Public Safety Rule 10.222 regarding the request of waiver and the criteria to consider in a determination by the Board. After discussion, VC Cash made a **motion to deny the waiver**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

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. Claeys made a **motion to go in to closed session to discuss felony applications**. Hendricks **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
Hendricks - Yes
Cash - Yes
Stoldorf – Yes
Gerald - Yes
Black – Yes

Board left Open Session at 11:45 a.m.

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

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Board returned to Open Session at 12:00 p.m.

The Board returned to the agenda item on license applications.

In regard to the Journeyman Class A application for Troy Prell; Gerald made a **motion to approve licensure**, and Black **seconded** the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Apprentice application for Dylan Fleming; Gerald made a **motion to approve licensure**, and Claeys **seconded** the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

In regard to the Unclassified Person application for Alan Lautrup; Hendricks made a **motion to approve licensure**, and Gerald **seconded** the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the NERA meeting being held in Texas October 19-21, 2020. ES Young asked the board for approval to attend. Gerald made a **motion to approve ES Young to attend the meeting**. VC Cash **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to vote on the reciprocity agreement with Wyoming. It is proposed that the Master and Journeyman licenses will be reciprocated. Hendricks made a **motion to approve the Wyoming Master Reciprocity agreement as written**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. 5 in favor, 1 denial; motion carried. VC Cash made a **motion to approve the Wyoming Journeyman Reciprocity agreement as written**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was discussion regarding Jonathan Hart seeking reinstatement of his Master and Electrical Contractor licenses. Mr. Hart's licenses were suspended indefinitely pursuant to a consent agreement between the Board and Mr. Hart dated February 16, 2017 in disciplinary case number. EEB201611. The Board had subsequently granted Mr. Hart a Class "A" Journeyman license without conditions on April 19, 2018. VC Cash made a **motion to deny license re-instatement of Master and Electrical Contractor licenses because Mr. Hart failed to demonstrate that he had corrected or otherwise remedied the issues that gave rise to the suspension of his Master and Electrical Contractor licenses and that he had not fulfilled all terms and conditions of re-instatement he agreed to in the February 16, 2017 consent agreement**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Other Board Business. ES Young stated that House File 2627 will require new Emergency Rules to be written by the Rules sub-committee, due to new legislation effective January 1, 2021. AAG Lundquist explained that there are two different issues with this bill. One issue is how an applicant's criminal history must directly relate to the profession to be denied licensure. The other issue regards provisions relating to applicants that were licensed by other jurisdictions and are now residents of Iowa. Reciprocity will remain for those applicants who do not reside in Iowa.

CP Stoldorf called for public comment, and with no public in attendance or on conference call, there was no comment.

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

VC Cash made a **motion to adjourn**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary II