

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021
Approved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
John Claeys
Colby Black
Luiza Fritz
Luke Maloney

Board Members Present by Conference Call

Todd Cash, Vice Chair
Tim Gerald
Jonathan Gettler
Sara Fasching
Amanda Cooling

Board Members Not Present

Dan Wood

Staff member Present

Brian Young, Executive Secretary
Cindi Hayes, Secretary 2
John Lundquist – Assistant Attorney General

Public Present

Jared Gray – Kline Electric

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

CP Stoldorf asked the Board members to introduce themselves.

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CP Stoldorf moved to the first item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from July 15, 2021. AAG Lundquist requested a name correction (spelling) for AAG David Ranscht. Claeys made a **motion** to **accept the minutes with Mr. Ranscht's name correction**. Black **seconded** the motion. 10 Aye, 0 Nay. 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: *Trenton McNair, Peter Steier, Brade Deriemacker, Solomon Bennett, Steven West, Joseph Alongi, Nicklaus Lala, Korbin Caves, Vaughn Christensen, and Jason Butters*.

Maloney made a **motion** to **approve the letters**, and Fritz **seconded** the motion. 10 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

ES Young moved to the next agenda item which was an update on City of Bettendorf electrical inspections. ES Young had reached out to the City of Bettendorf on May 14, 2019, after he had received a complaint that the city was not inspecting to the state adopted electrical code. On that same date, ES Young was assured by the city that they would discuss the matter at their Board meeting on June 3, 2019. Later in 2019, ES Young received a phone call from a city council member stating that the state could not make them inspect to the state adopted electrical code. On April 4, 2021 our area inspector was notified that the city was still not inspecting to the state adopted electrical code. Also on April 4, 2021, ES Young again contacted the city and after trading emails and not making progress, ES Young then reached out to AAG Lundquist, who, in turn, has spoken with the city attorney. ES Young reviewed the city's agendas and minutes and did not see any action on the city's part. On September 1, 2021, ES Young requested guidance from AAG Lundquist regarding what steps should be taken for resolution.

AAG Lundquist stated that Iowa Code 103.29, with regard to Political Subdivisions, can adopt amendments to the standard of the NEC that the Electrical Examining Board (EEB) has adopted, but they cannot be less stringent. The city must inform the EEB as to the amendments they would like to adopt, prior to enforcing them. AAG Lundquist went on to explain that if there is an impasse with the city, the EEB can invoke 103.29(1), which would allow the state to take over the city's electrical inspection program by unanimous vote. ES Young stated this is not his intent; just that the city needs to submit their standards to adopt the NEC and inspect to the 2020 NEC. CP Stoldorf requested a motion. Fritz made a **motion to construct a letter to the City of Bettendorf, stating the Board's wishes and concerns**. Black **seconded** the motion. 10 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a waiver request from Nick Carman. Mr. Carman requested the Board grant two additional test attempts for the journeyman exam. Mr. Carman has completed his 12 hours of continuing education and has waited six months from his last test date. After discussion, VC Cash made a **motion to grant the waiver to Mr. Carman to sit for two more exam attempts**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. 10 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Temporary Service and Articles 230.62 and 230.71B. ES Young turned over the meeting to the Code Adoption Subcommittee. Claeys stated that temporary services already installed, would require a retrofit to be compliant to the 2020 NEC, which requires a main breaker be separated from the breakers. AAG Lundquist stated the EEB has adopted a policy, due to the unavailability of equipment, which allows a transition until 12/31/2021 for the non-compliant temporary poles. The options would be for the Board to extend that policy to sometime in the future or to accept a work-around or both. Or leave it as is and on 1/1/2022, installations would have to comply with the 2020 NEC. CP Stoldorf allowed public member, Jared Gray, to explain his company's stance on this subject. Mr. Gray stated he would prefer to buy compliant equipment and not use a retrofit kit or work-around. Maloney would like to see the policy extended per Article 90.4 of the 2020 NEC. AAG Lundquist asked if it was the Board's prerogative to extend the policy or to accept a retrofit or work-around until parts are available. ES Stoldorf asked for a motion. Gerald made a **motion to allow the non-compliant policy to expire on 12/31/2021 and beginning on 1/1/2022, the non-compliant poles would have to be retrofitted to be compliant**. Black **seconded** the motion. 9 Aye, 1 Nay (Maloney). All in favor; motion carried.

CP Stoldorf called for public comment. Jared Gray stated that availability of materials is his biggest concern regarding temporary poles.

The next item on the agenda was Other Board Business. ES Young stated that the next Board meeting will be October 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. ES Young stated there will be a public hearing to finalize HF871, which removes the expiration date on the GFCI amendment.

Claeys made a **motion** to **adjourn**. Fritz **seconded** the motion. Chair Stoldorf called for the vote, 10 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary 2