

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020
Unapproved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Todd Cash, Vice Chair
Jon Claeys
Tim Gerald
Dan Wood
Bob Hendricks

Board Members Present by Conference Call

TJ Meiners
Colby Black

Board Members Not Present

Kathleen Stoppelmoor
Tammy Cooper
Penny Clark

Staff Members Present

Brian Young, Executive Secretary
Cindi Hayes, Secretary II

Staff Members Present by Conference Call

John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General's Office

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Public Hearing on ARRC 5152C. CP Stoldorf asked for comments from any in attendance.

The first person to speak was Don Iverson with Schneider-Square D. Mr. Iverson suggested the Board accept the 2020 NEC without amendments. Mr. Iverson stated that documentation submitted to Code Panel 2, reflected the number of lives lost around outside air conditioners and indoor appliances due to electrocution. As a safety advocate for GFCI protection, he would like the Board to change direction in amending the 2020 NEC, stating that GFCI technology has been around since the late 1960's and electrocutions have decreased significantly due to GFCI's installed in homes. Mr. Iverson would like the Board to reconsider their stance on removing 250-volt language, and suggested a possible middle ground to GFCI protection in consideration of public safety. Possible middle ground would be to restore Art. 210.8A, where the subcommittee struck the language regarding 250 volt, and then place a sunset on outdoor outlets in Art.210.8F to become effective at the next code adoption.

The next speaker was Tim McClintock with the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). Mr. McClintock thanked the Board for wanting to adopt the 2020 NEC. Mr. McClintock had previously submitted written comments and reiterated his request that the Board adopt the 2020 NEC without amendments. Mr. McClintock explained the process that NFPA uses with the development of the NEC, where the process is open, transparent and balanced, and accredited by the American National Standards Institute. Changes are not made to the NEC unless substantiated by logical reasoning, research, data and statistics all to promote the practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity. Mr. McClintock also touched on GFCI equipment that was in the 1971 NEC edition, and published data from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission shows decreasing trends in electrocutions in the United States. Mr. McClintock stated that NEMA urges the Electrical Examining Board to move forward with adoption of the 2020 NEC and reconsider the proposed amendments to remove GFCI's.

The last speaker was Chris Higgins, an Iowa licensed Master electrician and Electrical Contractor. Mr. Higgins stated that his only concern is if the 2020 NEC is adopted without amendments, there may be no indication if the electrocutions were due to faulty installation or faulty equipment. Mr. Higgins understands that one life is too many, but is it justification for increased cost (of GFCIs) being put on consumers. Mr. McClintock (NEMA) responded that, ultimately, whether it was faulty wiring or malfunction of an appliance, the bottom line is that if the circuit had GFCI protection, it would prevent electrocution.

CP Stoldorf recognized Subcommittee Chair Meiners for comments and Meiners stated that he had made his and the subcommittee's thoughts and concerns known at the last Board meeting.

CP Stoldorf then inquired to ES Young what the next steps in the adoption process were. ES Young stated that the subcommittee will meet again to discuss whether to move the proposed Notice of Intended Action (NOIA) forward or make changes. If there are no changes to the NOIA, it will come back to the board for a second vote, and then it will be re-submitted to the Governor's Publications Editing office.

CP Stoldorf recessed the public hearing at 10:24 a.m.

CP Stoldorf returned to the next agenda item regarding approval of Minutes from the meeting on June 18, 2020, which were tabled at the last meeting. CP Stoldorf clarifying the language regarding Jonathan Hart's license re-instatement, and suggested the following clarification to the text of that corresponding paragraph:

*"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."*

VC Cash made a **motion** to **accept the clarification to the Minutes as presented and to approve the corrected Minutes.** Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf moved to the agenda item to approve the July 16, 2020 Minutes. Claeys made a **motion** to **approve the Minutes as written.** 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 the agenda was a discussion regarding the expiration date for online continuing education courses. ES Young stated that due to COVID-19, the Board had modified the policy to accept online courses until 12/31/2020. ES Young requested the Board extend online continuing education courses be approved to the end of the license cycle of 12/31/2022. Meiners made a **motion to extend approval of online continuing education courses be through 12/31/2022**. Gerald **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an update regarding the Wyoming reciprocity agreement. ES Young is waiting on the signed agreement sent from the Wyoming Electrical Board. ES Young will update the list of states reciprocating license applications when he receives the signed agreement from Wyoming.

The next item on the agenda was ES Young's report regarding civil penalty letters for electricians working without licenses. Those individuals receiving civil penalty letters were *Angus McPherson, Anthony Torres, Eric Gordon, Nicholas Temple, Charles Ewing, Kyle Kain, Christopher Jessen, Robert Lambert, Jeremy Van Der Stoep, Alec Leopold, Richard Baxter-Shores, Will Determan, Tyler Ozono, David Hartley, and Seth Clark*. Gerald made a **motion to approve the letters**, and VC Cash **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf then moved to the next agenda item, which was an update on HF 2627. CP Stoldorf asked AAG Lundquist to explain. AAG Lundquist stated HF 2627 substantially modifies various provisions of licensing statutes to allow for easier license portability between jurisdictions and relaxes prohibitions on licensure because of an individual's felony background. AAG Lundquist will be working with ES Young to implement this statute.

CP Stoldorf re-opened the public hearing at 10:55 a.m. and Gerald made a **motion to re-open the public hearing**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. CP Stoldorf called for further comments on the rule. Hearing none, CP Stoldorf called for the public hearing to close at 10:56 a.m., and Gerald made a **motion to close the public hearing**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf called for public comment, of which there was none.

The next Board meeting will be on October 15, 2020.

VC Cash made a **motion to adjourn**. Hendricks **seconded** the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary II