

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018
Approved

Board Members Present

John Claeys
Todd Cash
Allen DeHeer (left at 12:34 pm)
Kathleen Stoppelmoor
Marg Stoldorf, Chairperson
Kyle Barnhart, Vice Chair
Dan Wood (arrived 10:28 am)

Staff Members Present

Barb Edmondson, Attorney (arrived 10:53 am)
Brian Young, Executive Secretary
Cindi Hayes, Clerk Specialist
John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General

Chairperson Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:10 am, delay was the result of waiting for people to arrive.

CP Stoldorf moved to the first item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from March 20, 2018. Claeys made a **motion** to **approve the minutes**. VC Barnhart **seconded** the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the report of the Executive Secretary, and CP Stoldorf turned the meeting over to ES Young.

The first item on ES Young's report was the financial report, which had previously been given to the Board for review, and he 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: *Chris Schillig, Brandon Haley, Derek Pearson, Douglas Schnoor, Alex Murray, and Joseph Twickler*. VC Barnhart made **motion** to **approve the letters**, and Claeys **seconded** the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ES Young directed the Board to the list of enforcement letters that had been sent out for permitting and inspection issues, which do not require Board action. Those individuals receiving enforcement letters were: *Logan Weldon & American Electric-Eric Luett (Permit Required), Stuart Van Mersbergen(Cease & Desist), Beverly Moffatt Trust (Notice of Electrical Hazard), Wessels Electrical Service-Alan Wessels, Read Electrical Services-Michael Read, & Brent Dewitt (Improper Licensure)*

ES Young informed the Board that the licensing system went live on April 9th and appeared to be working as it should. He also told the Board that Vertiba would like IEEB/DPS to sign-off on the contract so they can close out the project and start to bill on post-go-live hours, but that he wants more time for staff to

learn the system and make sure there were not any issues with the system. The Board agreed with ES Young on letting more time pass before signing-off on the contract.

ES Young advised that he has received a reciprocal agreement, for Journeyman licensure, from Arkansas. There was discussion among the Board; Cash made a **motion** to **sign the reciprocal licensing agreement between Iowa and Arkansas**, and VC Barnhart **seconded** the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ES Young advised that he has received a reciprocal agreement, for Journeyman licensure, from Oklahoma. There was discussion among the Board; Cash made a **motion** to **sign the reciprocal licensing agreements between Iowa and Oklahoma**, and Claey's **seconded** the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Since Jonathan Hart was present, CP Stoldorf suggested the felony reviews could be tabled to allow time for discussion with Hart. ES Young yielded the floor to CP Stoldorf.

CP Stoldorf asked Jonathan Hart to explain the reason he is wanting his Electrical Contractor, Master Class A licenses re-instated and issued a Journeyman Class A license. Mr. Hart explained he was unable to finish and close remaining permits due to his licenses being suspended and he did not have the funds to hire other contractors to complete his open permits. Mr. Hart also indicated he is currently in bankruptcy court. Mr. Hart stated that he consults for, and received payment from, a solar company that he owns. There was considerable discussion between the Board and Hart about his work that led to suspension of his licenses. CP Stoldorf asked Mr. Hart what assurance the Board has from him that his shortcomings will not continue in the future, to which Mr. Hart replied he would not have any employees and he would solely be responsible. He would work on communication regarding his permits.

Stoppelmoor made a **motion** to **discuss the item in closed session**. VC Barnhart **seconded** the motion. Motion carried. CP 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)(c)(f), and he confirmed it is upon his advice. Motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

- Wood – yes
- Stoppelmoor – yes
- Stoldorf – yes
- Barnhart – yes
- DeHeer – yes
- Cash – yes
- Claeys - yes

Board left Open Session at 11:10 a.m.

Closed session here.

OPEN MINUTES RESUME

Board returned to Open Session at 12:04 p.m.

Claeys made a **motion** to **issue Mr. Hart a Journeyman Class A license, and leave his Electrical Contractor and Master Class A licenses in suspension**. VC Barnhart **seconded** the motion. This action is in accordance with Iowa Code 103. Motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

Wood – yes
Stoppelmoor – yes
Stoldorf – no
Barnhart – yes
DeHeer – yes
Cash – yes
Claeys – yes

Motion carried, 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

There was extensive discussion with Hart regarding his newly issued license and suspended licenses along with open permits that need to be closed. Mr. Hart accepted the Board's decision to grant his Journeyman Class A license. Mr. Hart agreed to continue working on getting his remaining open permits closed, per previous mutually approved settlement terms.

Hart has submitted payment for the renewal of his Electrical Contractor and Master Class A licenses, as well as payment for the Journeyman Class A license. All continuing education hours were completed per renewal requirements.

CP Stoldorf called for public comments, which there were none.

The meeting was returned to ES Young, and he stated that there were 5 applications for licensure with felonies to review at this time.

DeHeer made a **motion** to **discuss the applications in closed session**; VC Barnhart **seconded** the motion. Motion carried. CP Stoldorf interjected to ask AAG Lundquist to verify why the Board was going into closed session, and if it is with advice of Counsel, which he stated was 21.5(1)(a), and confirmed it is upon his advice. Motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

Wood – yes
Stoppelmoor – yes
Stoldorf – yes
Barnhart – yes
DeHeer – yes
Cash – yes
Claeys - yes

Board left Open Session at 12:10 p.m.

Closed session here.

At 12:34 p.m., during the Closed Session, Allan DeHeer asked to be excused due to a prior commitment. CP Stoldorf thanked him for his service to the Board, because he was not reappointed.

OPEN MINUTES RESUME

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:09 p.m.

The Board returned to the agenda item on the license applications, and proceeded to vote.

In regard to Roman Hart, VC Barnhart made a **motion** to **deny licensure**. Stoppelmoor **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

In regard to Derek Porter, Claeys made a **motion** to **table until more information is gathered**. Cash **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

In regard to Shane Cox, Stoppelmoor made a **motion** to **deny licensure**. VC Barnhart **seconded** the motion.

In regard to Brian Bruner, VC Barnhart made **motion** to **approve licensure**. 4 approved, 2 denied. Motion carried.

In regard to Alexander Reed, Stoppelmoor made **motion** to **deny licensure**. Cash **seconded** motion. Motion carried

After discussion, the next Board meeting will be held on June 21, 2018.

VC Barnhart made a **motion** to **adjourn**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes
Clerk Specialist