

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2022  
Unapproved

Board Members Present

Marg Stoldorf, Chair  
Todd Cash, Vice Chair  
John Claeys  
Tim Gerald  
Colby Black  
Luiza Fritz  
Luke Maloney  
Sara Fasching (Arrived at 10:10 a.m.)

Board Members Present by Conference Call

Jonathan Gettler  
Amanda Cooling

Board Member Not Present

Dan Wood

Staff Members Present

Brian Young, Executive Secretary  
John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office  
Cindi Hayes, Secretary 2

Public Present

Jarrold Gray – Kline Electric

Chair Stoldorf called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and asked for an introduction of Board members attending in person and by conference call. CP Stoldorf asked guests in attendance and by conference call, to introduce themselves.

CP Stoldorf moved to the first item on the agenda, which was the approval of the meeting minutes from December 16, 2021. Gerald made a **motion to accept the minutes as written**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. 9 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

CP Stoldorf then turned the meeting over to ES Young. 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: *Si Eiklenborg, Keaton Deneve, Bracken Smith, Jacob Francksen, Brian Keasey, Joshua Gill, Alex Reicks, Jayden Casey, Nathan Molak, Lance Towns, Andrew Conzett, Adam Conzett, Dustin Kono, Benjamin Macke, Jay Lawson, Bryer Hayes, Jason Wagoner, Tayler Powell, and Brenden Hansen*. Gerald made a **motion to approve the letters**, and VC Cash **seconded** the motion. 9 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda, ES Young stated that one year licenses expired on 12/31/2021. One year licenses are Apprentice and Unclassified Person licenses. These can still be renewed until 3/31/2022, however, a late fee will be assessed.

ES Young turned the meeting back over to CP Stoldorf. CP Stoldorf requested an update from AAG Lundquist regarding the City of Bettendorf electrical inspections. AAG Lundquist stated he has been in contact with City of Bettendorf Attorney, Chris Curran, who was very receptive to our inquiries relating to the non-uniform amendments that the City added when they adopted the 2020 National Electric Code. Mr. Curran met with the Bettendorf code committee, who then represented to AAG Lundquist, that the City will be initiating the process to remove those non-compliant amendments in the future. AAG Lundquist will be monitoring the progress and remain in contact with Mr. Curran.

AAG Lundquist then brought to the Board's attention, two bills which are pending in the legislature; House Study Bill 682 and Senate Study Bill 3123. If these study bills make it out of committee and are eventually passed, it would establish procedures by January 1, 2023, to expedite the licensing of a person who is licensed in a similar profession or occupation in another state and who is married to an active duty member of the military forces of the United States.

AAG Lundquist also brought to the Board's attention, another section of the study bills, which would create the "Iowa Electrical Code", comprised of the 2020 edition of the National Electrical code (NEC) as modified by section 103.1B, and excluding sections 210.8(F) of the National Electric Code. In doing so, they will be removing the authority of local jurisdictions to deviate from the new "Iowa Electrical Code". This will affect many other codes, such as the International Building Code, Plumbing and Mechanical Codes, Energy Code, and others.

CP Stoldorf asked AAG Lundquist what the logic is behind this, to which AAG Lundquist stated he did not know the motivating factor, and speculated that under the guise of licensing reform and simplification, that the legislature will set the code, thereby, wanting codes to be mandated uniformly, implemented and enforced throughout the state and removing the local authority to deviate. This is not in force yet, and if both bills pass out of their respective studies, and survive funnel, then there will be more discussion and possible changes coming. Gerald asked AAG if it will take a statutory change to update to the 2023 NEC. AAG Lundquist replied that it may take a statutory change to adopt the next code for 2023. Claeys and Maloney asked AAG Lundquist if this would make enforcement difficult in knowing what version of the NEC would be compliant. AAG Lundquist stated that different versions could be adopted, but the codified version would take precedence. CP Stoldorf commented that the Board is comprised of members of the electrical trade and now legislators want the responsibility. Much can change before this is finalized. Jarrod Gray with Kline Electric asked AAG Lundquist that, if this passes, will it remove authority of the Board's ability to make amendments to the NEC, to which AAG Lundquist replied that it would. It would leave in effect the ability of the Board to enforce and decide case-by-case if waivers and deviations should occur. Adopting the NEC would be up to the legislature. There are a number of exceptions that are written into the bill that would mirror what the current rule is. Claeys asked what the effective date would be, but AAG Lundquist did not know at this time.

CP Stoldorf called for public comment. Jarrod Gray, Kline Electric, commented that his company has ordered temporary poles and is to receive several by the end of February. He also stated he will be looking into security for the poles as well.

The next item on the agenda was Other Board Business. ES Young stated that the next Board meeting will be April 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

CP Stoldorf called for a motion to adjourn the meeting; VC Cash made a **motion to adjourn**. Claeys **seconded** the motion. Chair Stoldorf called for the vote. 10 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary 2