

State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023
Unapproved

Board Members Present

Tim Gerald, Chair Person
Marg Stoldorf, Vice Chair
Colby Black
Luke Maloney
Luiza Fritz
Dan Wood

Board Members Present by Conference Call

John Claeys
Amanda Cooling
Jonathan Gettler
Jeremy Price
Michelle Payne

Staff Members Present

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

Public Present (In-person)

SULLIVAN TRAINING & CONSULTING - Dave Sullivan
ERIKSEN CONSTRUCTION - Jenny Eriksen

Public Present (Conference Call)

CITY OF HARTLEY - Rod Ahrenstorff, Roxann Swanson, Brandon Krikke
WATERS EDGE AQUATIC DESIGN– Michael Fisher
ERIKSEN CONSTRUCTION – Todd Davey
DICK'S ELECTRIC – Heath Warrick
Misael Palafox
Joey Welsh

CP Gerald called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and asked for an introduction of Board members in person and by phone.

CP Gerald asked guests in attendance and by conference call, to introduce themselves.

CP Gerald moved to the first item on the agenda, which was "Approval of the meeting minutes from June 15, 2023", and asked for any corrections; hearing none, a motion to approve was requested. VC Stoldorf made a **motion to approve the minutes as presented**. Black **seconded** the motion. 11 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

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

The first item on ES Young's report was "July financial report", which was previously provided to the Board for their review; he directed the Board's attention to revenue and expense items.

The next item on ES Young's report was, "Vote on civil penalty letters for electricians working without licenses". Those individuals receiving civil penalty letters were: Benjamin Hurst, Nathan Reiter, William Leibold, Evan Viken, Thomas King, Austin Koberstein, Carson Axford, Dustin Sill, Caleb Severson, Jordan Priest, Koby Eaker, Kaleb Bathen, John Skiles, Dustin Berg, Thomas Showers, Colin Greene, Zachary Freeman, Tyler Flowers, Carlos Guerra and Nathan Berend. Maloney made a **motion** to **approve the letters**. Black **seconded** the motion. 11 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item on ES Young's report was, "Waiver Request Misael Palafox Post-Secondary Electrical Program (PSEP) hours". ES Young explained that Misael had completed an approved Post-Secondary Electrical Program (PSEP) and had graduated in 2012, however, the policy states that upon graduation the required 6,000 hours must be completed and documented through on-the-job training (OJT) reports within four years after graduation. Mr. Palafox had submitted a sponsorship request in 2017 without his OJT reports or affidavit. At that time, staff reached out by letter to Mr. Palafox for these items, but they were never submitted to us. Mr. Palafox has now submitted and completed the required 6,000 hours of OJT reports and affidavit. ES Young asked Mr. Palafox to explain why he submitted the waiver to the Board, now, and Mr. Palafox stated that his employer is wanting him to become a journeyman. After discussion, CP Gerald called for a motion. VC Stoldorf made a **motion** to **approve the Waiver Request for Mr. Palafox to sit for the journeyman exam, since all PSEP requirements have now been met and contingent upon submitting documentation to staff that continuing education was completed while licensed**. Cooling **seconded** the motion. 11 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

The next item ES Young's report was "2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) adoption and Executive Order 10". ES Young stated that due to the Executive Order 10 moratorium on rule writing, there is a review process called the Red Tape Review of Administrative Rules, which ES Young is working on. ES Young will work with the Board, Code Adoption Subcommittee, and AAG Lundquist to draft a notice to all concerned persons and organizations, that the 2020 NEC will remain in force until the Executive Order 10 moratorium is lifted and the 2023 NEC is adopted. CP Gerald asked public members if they had any questions regarding this. Dave Sullivan, Sullivan Training and Consulting, continuing education instructor, asked if the Board would allow the teaching of the 2020 NEC until the moratorium is lifted. ES Young stated that this may be an option and will be addressed after continuing conversation with the Code Adoption Subcommittee.

CP Gerald moved to the next item on the agenda which was "Hartley Community Pool", and asked AAG Lundquist to respond. AAG Lundquist explained there was additional correspondence received in June 2023 from Michael Fisher, Professional Engineer for Waters Edge Aquatic Design, seeking clarification of the order in relation to the alternative inspection methods the Board approved previously for Eriksen Construction. AAG Lundquist reiterated he will communicate to clarify with all parties involved, that the Board's understanding of the prior remediation plan was only for the inspectors' visual inspection that the pool bonding be consistent with the NEC. The Board cannot and did not dictate how this process was to be achieved. AAG Lundquist stated that the City of Hartley and the contractors need to work together to document any changes that deviate from the approved plan and submit to Board staff for review.

The next agenda item was "Public Comment Period". Jenny Eriksen, Eriksen Construction, stated that the overall plan is not changing and they are working with the City of Hartley in regard to the bonding and that Eriksen Construction received a change order from the City of Hartley and Waters Edge wanting to also tie into the rebar grid, in addition to the approved deck loop bonding. AAG Lundquist stated he had spoken with the Eriksen Construction attorney and stated that this additional work would need to be submitted to the Board for consideration. Michael Fisher stated that the change order is to request additional bonding

to the rebar adjacent to where each individual device will be tied to the bonding loop, this way, should the bonding wiring fail, this will add additional safety.

Joey Welsh asked what the process is if a master electrician is unable or unwilling to sign off on hours worked to be able to sit for an exam. ES Young asked Mr. Welsh to work with him and staff to submit a Waiver Request to be brought before the Board.

AAG Lundquist stated he has received a petition of judicial review, brought by Jonathan Hart and CornerHart Enterprise, contesting the orders which sanction his electrical licenses, and the civil penalty regarding his electrical contracting firm. The order has been filed and AAG Lundquist will be collecting materials so that the District Court can complete their process accordingly. The Board has no further obligations at this point.

ES Young stated that he is working on the Red Tape Review required by EO10 and will also engage the Board's Rule Subcommittee in the near future. All state agencies, must revise their administrative rules which will include removing verbiage that is restrictive, duplicated or not necessary.

The next item on the agenda was, "Other Board business". Next meeting will be October 19, 2023.

CP Gerald called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. VC Stoldorf made a **motion to adjourn**. Fritz **seconded** the motion. 11 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Hayes, Secretary 2