State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2025
Approved

Board Members Present
Amanda Cooling, Chairperson
Luiza Fritz
Michelle Payne (Virtual)
Bob Shaw (Virtual)
Jesse Brewer
Joe Porepp

Staff Members Present
Brian Young, Bureau Chief
John Lundquist, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office
Valorie Nissen, Administrative Assistant I

Public Present
Dave Sullivan

I. "Call to order". CP Cooling called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. "Introduction of Board members". CP Cooling asked for an introduction of Board members attending.

III. "Acknowledgment of persons (public) participating virtually & in-person". CP Cooling asked guests in attendance virtually and in-person to introduce themselves.

IV. "Approval of the meeting minutes from September 18, 2025". CP Cooling asked for a motion. Fritz made a motion to **accept the open and closed session minutes as written**. Porepp seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

V. The next item on the agenda was "Electrical Bureau Report", and CP Cooling turned the meeting over to Bureau Chief (BC) Young.

A. "Vote on civil penalty letters for electricians working without licenses". Those individuals receiving civil penalty letters were: Sam Fulk, Timothy Hines, Drew Carson, Rafael McAnally, Carl Boese, Richard Beck, Colby Brinks, Zane Berg, Marvin Lipp, Remington Horner, Hector Garcia, Robert O'Brien, Cadin Pecinovsky, Anthony Delagardelle, Martin Reese, Junior Krob, Spencer Reese, Nathaniel Wheeler, Jason Wagoner, Quinlan Peak, Jeffrey Stanton, Zayne Feller, Adam Landolt, and Arren Harrington. Brewer asked if these individuals were working while unsupervised. BC Young stated they were working while unlicensed. CP Cooling asked for a motion. Fritz made a motion to **approve the letters**. Porepp seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.
B. "Waiver requests for Caleb Garberding, Justin Smith, Drew Wieland, & Sean Vance – seeking approval to sit for the Journeyman Class A exam". BC Young stated that the state law limits an apprentice to six years from the start of their apprenticeship. BC Young stated these individuals are now requesting to sit for the Journeyman exam. Payne made a motion to **accept the waiver requests to allow the opportunity to sit for the exam**. Porepp seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.
C. "Adoption of the 2026 NEC". BC Young stated he has been discussing with the NFPA about getting adoption training for the Board, but no dates have been set. BC Young stated that from his understanding the Board wants to proceed with the adoption of the NEC 2026, with a potential effective date of January 1st, 2027. BC Young stated that he will get with the Code Adoption Subcommittee in the upcoming months to start review the changes. BC Young asked if anyone else would like to sit on the subcommittee and Jesse Brewer volunteered.

D. “Virtual desktop for board members”. BC Young stated Board members will need to attend the virtual meetings, and there will be more trainings.
E. “2026-2028 license renewals – ALL licenses expire December 31, 2025”. BC Young stated the department has processed around 8,400 license renewals. BC Young stated there has been a rise in permit and inspection requests. BC Young stated the inspectors have done a great job keeping to the “three day window”, in responding to the inspections, 97% of the time. Fritz asked if renewals have gone up as well. Nissen stated they have remained steady. BC Young agreed that it has been going well.

VI. “Discuss reciprocal agreements with Texas & North Carolina”. BC Young stated the Board has had a reciprocal agreement for the Journeyman license with Texas since 2019, and has been working with them for a Master license agreement for almost two years. BC Young stated that there might be a few changes to the agreement from Texas if the Board approves. Shaw made a motion to **approve the Master reciprocal agreement with Texas**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. CP Cooling stated there was some concern with North Carolina’s experience requirements for licensing. BC Young stated North Carolina currently does not have Journeyman licenses or apprentice licenses and everything is self-verified through employers. BC Young stated he asked North Carolina if they would reciprocate their Master license to an Iowa Journeyman license, but they did not agree. Fritz asked if the reciprocation was for Master to Master licensure. BC Young stated yes. Brewer asked if someone passed the inspector exam, would be able to pull permits in Iowa. BC Young stated that would give them a Master license in Iowa. BC Young stated North Carolina could look closely at the applicants and distinguish how the license was obtained. Porepp stated he has reservations with allowing North Carolina’s requirements for an Iowa license. Payne stated the requirements between North Carolina and Iowa need to be similar for reciprocity. Shaw agreed with the inconsistencies in requirements. Fritz made a motion to **deny the Master reciprocal agreement with North Carolina**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

VII. “Review Amendment Settlement Agreement & Final Order Case #25-029 & #25-012”. AAG Lundquist stated there was no further information at this time.

VIII. “Review Disciplinary Case #25-008, 25- 012, 25-080, & 25-029”. AAG Lundquist stated there was no further information at this time.

IX. “Public Comment Period”. CP Cooling asked for public comments. Mr. Sullivan asked BC Young if he would take feedback from non-board members regarding the 2026 Code. BC Young stated yes, a mass email will be sent out. Mr. Sullivan asked if reciprocity with Missouri has been looked into. BC Young stated yes, and that as of a few years ago they were working through legislation to get things passed. BC Young stated that presently, no reciprocation agreements could be made because of how their laws are written. BC Young stated currently in Missouri, individuals volunteer to be licensed. BC Young stated there wouldn’t be an issue with reciprocation if the requirements were similar. BC Young stated he would try to reach back out to Missouri to see how things have progressed. BC Young stated he has reached out to Kentucky about reciprocating because they have similar requirements. BC Young is hopeful they will reach back out and can work on a reciprocation agreement.

X. “Other Board business”. CP Cooling stated the next board meeting is January 15, 2026.

XI. “Adjourn”. CP Cooling called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shaw made a motion to **adjourn**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valorie Nissen, Administrative Assistant I