State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026
Approved

Board Members Present
Amanda Cooling, Chairperson
Mark Safranski, Vice Chair
Luiza Fritz (Virtual, left at 10:27 a.m.)
Michelle Payne (Virtual)
Bob Shaw (Virtual)
Dan Wood (Virtual)
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
Tristan Jeno (Virtual)

I. "Call to order". CP Cooling called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 November 20, 2025". CP Cooling asked for a motion. Payne made a motion to **accept the open and closed session minutes as written**. Porepp seconded the motion. 7 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: Coreyon Vanarsdale, Dalton Thompson, Joshua Mortensen, Zachary Bruggeman, Jacob Johnson, Esteban Maldonado, Mathew Trachta, Mhikealy Knight, Austin Curl, Hunter Fellows, Grant Walters, Klayton Heiman, Pfieffer Brown, Caden Kelderman, Alex Arndorfer, Caden Tost, Gideon Smith, Daniel Dooley, Clay Kuhlman, Michael McCabe, Camden Christensen, Nicholas Seaman, Chandler Bain, Zachery Lamphere, Brenden Drury, and Vincent Tsygipalo, and Bryce Meyer. CP Cooling asked for a motion. Payne made a motion to **approve the letters**. Porepp seconded the motion. 7 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.
B. "Waiver requests for Christopher Wilson– seeking approval Master Class A license by reciprocation". BC Young stated Mr. Wilson has over 16,000 hours of experience in North Carolina, which does not reciprocate with Iowa. BC Young stated Mr. Wilson has taken the state exam in South Dakota, but he does not have enough hours in that state to be eligible to reciprocate. Porepp stated the board recently reviewed an agreement with North Carolina, and denied reciprocation because their verification of hours did not meet Iowa's. CP Cooling agreed. VC Safranski stated he would have liked Mr. Wilson to have attended this meeting to help explain his hours. VC Safranski made a motion to **deny Master Class A license by reciprocation**. Porepp seconded the motion. 7 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.
C. "Adoption of the 2026 NEC". BC Young stated the potential effective date of January 1, 2027. BC Young stated he is working with NFPA on getting training scheduled for the board members and electrical inspectors.

D. "Virtual desktop for board members". BC Young stated he has starting placing documents for board members in the virtual desktop.
E. "2026-2028 license renewals – ALL licenses expired December 31, 2025". BC Young stated there have been around 18,000 license renewals processed.
F. "Independent Electrical Contractors Rocky Mountain (IECRM) Program". BC Young stated the IECRM program has one curriculum that is Department of Labor approved. All students are taught the same course material and require the same OJT hours, but not all students receive a DOL completion certificate. This is because it is up to their employer to enroll them in the DOL program and some employers choose not to enroll their employees in the DOL. This means that not all students receive a DOL completion certificate. The students that are not enrolled in the DOL Program only receive a completion certificate issued by IECRM. BC Young asked the board if students only receive a completion certificate issued by IECRM, could staff view this as a DOL certificate. Porepp stated that if IECRM could put something in writing stating that the curriculum was identical, it could be accepted. BC Young stated he will reach out IECRM and have them submit a document to the board staff stating this.

VI. "Discuss reciprocal agreements with Texas". BC Young stated he is waiting for the agreement to be approved by the Governor of Texas. BC Young stated he will hopefully have it by the end of the month.

VII. "Public Comment Period". CP Cooling asked for public comments. Mr. Jeno stated he had no questions at this time.

VIII. "Review Amendment Settlement Agreement & Final Order Case #25-029 & #25-012".

IX. "Review Disciplinary Case #25-008, 25- 012, 25-080, & 25-029".
Motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:
Cooling – Aye
Payne – Aye
Porepp – Aye
Safranski – Aye
Shaw – Aye
Wood – Aye

Board left Open session at 10:42 a.m.

Closed session here (corresponding Minutes are omitted and not public).

OPEN MINUTES RESUME

Board returned to Open Session at 10:59 a.m.

CP Cooling asked for a motion regarding the disciplinary case for #25-012. Porepp made a motion to **refer the case to the Administrative Law Judge**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

X. "Other Board business". CP Cooling stated the next board meeting is March 19, 2026.

XI. "Adjourn". CP Cooling called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. VC Safranski made a motion to **adjourn**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valorie Nissen, Administrative Assistant I