State of Iowa Electrical Examining Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026
Unapproved

Board Members Present
Amanda Cooling, Chairperson (Virtual)
Mark Safranski, Vice Chair
Jesse Brewer
Bob Shaw (Virtual)
Michelle Payne (Virtual)
Dan Wood (Virtual)

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

Public Present
Dennis Buchanan
Ben Pothoff
Keith Rash
Roger Schemmel
Brian Palmer
Jeff Junker
Brian Mayer
Dave Kuhn
Sara Vanderploeg

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 May 14, 2026". CP Cooling asked for a motion. Shaw made a motion to **accept the open minutes as written**. VC Safranski 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: Brandon Frias, Spencer Magill, Bryant Garberding, Daniel Fagerlind, Jesse Cartwright, Caden Wittrock, Elijah Carlson, Elijah Jones, Gregory Walker, Jackson Walker, Devin Vanrycke, Connor Finch, Salvador Cruz, Alex Killoren, Alex Miller, Bo Schmidt, Devon Patterson, Tanner Watznauer, Ethan Wolf, Ronald Howard, Sean Wilson, Ian Dolan, Joey Hutchings, Dennis Clemensen, Steven Meyer, William Wright, Koby Hassebrock, Daniel Strickland, Jule Mmenenwa, Jose Martinez, Michael Swynenberg, Timothy Konfrst, Dean Howard, Anthony Fontana, Logan Kellis, Cole Lee, Mason Manley, Dylan Markham, Jose Maldonado Vazquez, Maxwell Johnson, Cody Suther, Jordan Hamilton, Cameron Shaver, Caleb Knight, Michael Oliver, and Lukas Groe. Shaw asked if Mr. Fagerlind's civil penalty amount was correct. BC Young stated the civil penalty amount is twenty dollars per year, with a ten percent late fee added and to never exceed forty dollars per year. CP Cooling asked for a motion. VC Safranski made a motion to **approve the letters upon staff verifying the calculation for Mr. Fagerlind**. Shaw seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

B. "Waiver request for Christopher Wilson– seeking approval Master Class A license by reciprocation". BC Young stated Mr. Wilson first came to the board on January 15th, 2026, and the board denied his request. BC Young stated Mr. Wilson came back to the board on March 19th, 2026, and the board deferred it to the subcommittee to review additional documents. BC Young stated Mr. Wilson received his Unclassifed Person license in March of this year, and is going down the path to be eligible to take the Journeyman exam. VC Safranski stated Mr. Wilson has reached out to state representatives to try and change the law, and has started to take the path to test. CP Cooling stated the subcommittee's recommendation is to have Mr. Wilson follow the path to take the Journeyman exam. AAG Lundquist stated that because Mr. Wilson had petitioned for a law change, that should not come into the boards decision. AAG Lundquist stated the subcommittee did not find a compelling basis to wave the applicable rules. BC Young stated Mr. Wilson will be eligible to test for the Journeyman exam around the end of August. Shaw made a motion to **deny approval of Master Class A by reciprocal**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

C. "Waiver request for Joseph Adams– seeking approval to sit for the Journeyman Class A exam". BC Young stated Mr. Adams has exceeded the six year time frame allowed to test after completing the apprentice program. BC Young stated Mr. Adams completed his apprentice program in December of 2023. Shaw made a motion to **allow Joseph to sit for the Journeyman exam**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

D. "Waiver request for Tyler Venn– seeking approval to sit for the Journeyman exam". BC Young stated Mr. Venn has exceeded the six year time frame allowed to test after completing the apprentice program. BC Young stated Mr. Venn completed his apprentice program in 2020. BC Young stated Mr. Venn will still need to get his civil penalty payment approved at the next board meeting. Brewer made a motion to **allow Tyler to sit for the Journeyman exam**. VC Safranski seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

E. "Waiver request for Dennis Buchanan– seeking approval to sit for the Residential exam". BC Young stated Mr. Buchanan is seeking approval for two additional testing attempts, after waiting the required six months and completing twelve hours of continuing education hours. Mr. Buchanan stated he was licensed in Marshalltown in 2006. Mr. Buchanan stated he has held his Unclassified Person license since 2015, and currently works under a Master. BC Young asked what his continuing education courses have been over. Mr. Buchanan stated GFCIs and arc fault. BC Young asked if Mr. Buchanan had taken code update courses. Mr. Buchanan stated no. Brewer made a motion to **approve the waiver request**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

F. "Waiver request for Ethan Spronk– PSEP student seeking approval for OJT hours". BC Young stated Mr. Spronk is requesting to have his licensed hours he acquired before starting his PSEP, to be counted towards his 6,000 hour total. BC Young stated Mr. Spronk did petition the board about a year ago to make changes in the PSEP policy allowing hours to count while attending school, and the board determined the changes were not necessary. AAG Lundquist asked how many hours Mr. Spronk was requesting. BC Young stated around 240 hours. Brewer asked if Mr. Spronk was licensed for the hours. BC Young stated yes. BC Young stated the policy states the hours must be competed after completing the program. Brewer made a motion to **approve the waiver request**. Payne seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

VI. "Update Settlement Agreement Case #25-029". AAG Lundquist stated because resolution could not be reached for the matter, a hearing is being arranged to be heard by the administrative law judge. AAG Lundquist stated there is no action to be taken, and after the hearing is completed the board will have an opportunity to review the proposed decision.

VII. "Review Disciplinary Case #25-008, & 25-029". AAG Lundquist stated both cases are possibly resolved and will discuss at a later date.

VIII. "Discussion on 2026 NEC Adoption". BC Young stated the administrative rule writer for DIAL, Sheri Howard, submitted documents to the LSA and were published on July 8th, 2026 to the public. BC Young stated the public hearing is on July 28th, 2026. BC Young stated the earliest the board could adopt the 2026 code would be December 2nd, 2026. BC Young stated after the subcommittee meets, there will be another board meeting to vote on moving forward with the adoption with or without amendments. VC Safranski agreed. BC Young stated he wants the public to be involved in the process. Shaw stated he had questions with panel labeling, and arc flash cost concerns. BC Young stated the subcommittee will wait on public input to discuss. CP Cooling stated she is interested in the public feedback and agreed with Shaw.

IX. "Public Comment Period". CP Cooling asked for any public comments. Sarah Vanderploeg stated she is the legislative liaison for DIAL. Ms. Vanderploeg stated DIAL is working on implementing project ALIGN, which will be the future licensing database. Ms. Vanderploeg stated DIAL will be focused on working on a licensing bill for the 2027 legislative session that intends to focus on renewal cycles, and will give updates where possible.

Mr. Schemmel wanted to thank Mr. Young on the communication to local officials with a clear message about the recent house file passing.

X. "Other Board Business". VC Cooling stated pending any additional meetings, the next board meeting is set for Thursday September 17th, 2026. BC Young stated an August meeting may take place of the September meeting, depending on the public hearing.

XI. "Adjourn". CP Cooling called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Payne made a motion to **adjourn**. VC Safranski seconded the motion. 6 Aye, 0 Nay. All in favor; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valorie Nissen, Administrative Assistant I