

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS COMMITTEE
November 10, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

At approximately 11:59 a.m., Chairman Mike Bass called the meeting of the Electrical Examiners Committee to order in the CIB Conference Room, 2401 NW 23rd Street, Suite 2F, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bass, Kyle Williamson, Cliff Stewart, David Adcock, Don Beach, Ron Morris (non-voting member).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Sonny Staas.

PRESENT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES BOARD: Janis Hubbard, Administrator; Debra Wojtek, Public Relations and Outreach Officer; Stephanie Brown, Board Secretary; Richard Hager, Plumbing Supervisor.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Dutton, Assistant Attorney General; Joe Hutmacher; Donald Jewell; Rusty Walker; Tim Yaciuk, IEC; Marshall Lord; Ryan Kessler; Jason Watts.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING ACT:

This regular meeting of the Electrical Examiners Committee, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on this 10th day of November 10, 2021, has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Oklahoma Statutes Title 25, §§ 301 through 314.

Further, this meeting was preceded by advance public notice filed electronically with the Secretary of State specifying the time and place of the meeting here convened. The Agenda was posted and displayed in public view on the office site of the Construction Industries Board and notice of this meeting was given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior hereto.

Five people have filed a written request for notice of meetings of this public body to date.

Read aloud this 10th day of November, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following is a summary of the public comments received:

Rusty Walker stated his concern about the lack of enforcement of electrical licensing laws especially concerning medical marijuana grow houses to which he has provided electrical service. He has witnessed life safety issues that need to be addressed. He asked the Committee to consider hiring more field investigators to do their jobs in compliance with the law. He stated he believes we are going in the wrong direction and wanted to speak out. He said it is financially affecting his business and the livelihood of journeyman. He stated we have 120 electricians that are off work right now that could be gainfully employed if unlicensed, unqualified people were not doing that work.

Joe Hutmacher stated it was his understanding that we are not doing inspections or checking licenses. He stated that if that is true then the mission statement should be changed. He stated there was a great deal of work in the rural areas that is not being inspected. He stated there was an increase in the fee structure (2009) that was brought about by putting more people in the field checking licensing and inspecting at that time. He said he does not believe there are any more in the field. He said the last time he left he would be back and you will be seeing him for several months in the future. He stated that Rusty has started something that he believes will grow and they are looking for legislators and hopefully will be able to make some changes.

Donald Jewel stated that he heard a lot of citations today but none about inspection of the actual work that was done on those job sites. He listed several questions that he had.

Tim Yaciuk, on his own behalf and on behalf of the IEC, stated that over the last 15 years he served as the Executive Director for IEC, the Electrical Committee, Board, staff and Administrator have fostered an environment that is the most open and transparent to the industries represented by the CIB. He stated that information requested is made available, questions are answered concerns addressed, financials provided, reviewed and audited to ensure all money is properly spent and used by the agency. He stated that the CIB works to address many issues the industry is facing including workforce development after discussions with industry, CIB Board and CIB staff. He stated that getting new workers to enter the licensed trades is the single biggest problem facing the construction industries and IEC looks forward to working with the industry, being a part of and helping to address the key issues facing the industry.

Jason Lutz stated that as a service manager, he is surprised at what his guys tell him in the field with how things are being installed, workmanship and quality are being lost by people being driven by going with the cheapest. He stated his concern about life safety issues and hazardous situations by unlicensed workers and poor workmanship on installations.

Ryan Kessler stated that as an Oklahoma licensed journeyman as well as the adult continuing education instructor for the Canadian Valley Electrical Trades Program he wanted to bring up the point of the absence of after-hours and weekends inspections. He stated that he has students in class who will admit to going out with their journeyman after they are released from the day from their normal job to perform side work after-hours. He stated that he feels like there are so many contractors or businesses willing to hire people to perform electrical work with or without a license, many of them have come to him wanting to get their education to pass their test but had no idea, that they need a license, even to be an apprentice. He stated the law that employees of building owners are allowed to perform electrical but asked, when we get on site how do we know who those people are? He stated he would like to see a resolution to deciphering who is who and where the enforcement is being applied.

UPDATE ON GENERAL ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY:

Mr. Morris discussed the electrical activity and provided statistical updates, field contacts, contractor and journeyman counts, “pass/fail” rates, and the daily work summary for July – October 2021.

ACTION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS HELD ON JULY 14, 2021.

The Committee was provided a draft of the Minutes for the July 14, 2021 meeting of the Electrical Examiners Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DON BEACH WITH A SECOND BY DAVID ADCOCK TO ACCEPT THE JULY 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Mike Bass
Don Beach
Cliff Stewart
Kyle Williamson
David Adcock

Absent: Sonny Staas

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE FORMAL ELECTRICAL EDUCATION PROVIDED BY MID-DEL TECHNOLOGY CENTER, FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED COURSE AND INSTRUCTOR, MIKE BASS, (MOORE – NORMAN TECH), FOR 108 HOURS QUALIFYING AS CREDIT TOWARDS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING

The Committee was provided a copy of the material submitted by Mid-Del Technology Center.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ADCOCK WITH A SECOND BY DON BEACH TO APPROVE THE FORMAL ELECTRICAL EDUCATION.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Don Beach
Cliff Stewart
Kyle Williamson
David Adcock

Absent: Sonny Staas

Recuse: Mike Bass

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE VOTE ON CEU REQUESTS:

ARKANSAS CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FOUNDATION, NEC 2020 CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOP, RANDALL PEARCE, INSTRUCTOR,

OCTOBER 9, 2021, FOR UP TO 6 CREDIT HOURS.

The Committee was provided a copy of the material submitted by Arkansas Construction Education Foundation, for the requested 6 credit hours of continuing education.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ADCOCK WITH A SECOND BY CLIFF STEWART TO APPROVE THE ARKANSAS CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FOUNDATION CE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Cliff Stewart
Mike Bass
David Adcock
Don Beach

Absent: Sonny Staas

MERIT CONTINUING EDUCATION, OKLAHOMA ELECTRICIAN CE (NEC 2020), ONLINE, ELI KIM, INSTRUCTOR, FOR 6 CREDIT HOURS.

The Committee was provided a copy of the material submitted by Merit Continuing Education, for the requested 6 credit hours of continuing education.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DON BEACH WITH A SECOND BY MIKE BASS TO APPROVE THE MERIT CONTINUING EDUCATION CE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Cliff Stewart
Mike Bass
Don Beach

Voting nay: David Adcock

Absent: Sonny Staas

ELECTRICIANU LEARNING, ONLINE VIDEO 6 HOUR RENEWAL: 2020 NEC-EUOK300, ONLINE, DUSTIN STELZER, INSTRUCTOR, FOR 6 CREDIT HOURS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DON BEACH WITH A SECOND BY CLIFF STEWART TO DENY THE ELECTRICIANU LEARNING, CE APPLICATION AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Cliff Stewart
Mike Bass
David Adcock
Don Beach

Absent: Sonny Staas

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – MIKE BASS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CLIFF STEWART WITH A SECOND BY DAVID ADCOCK TO APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Cliff Stewart
Don Beach
David Adcock

Abstain: Mike Bass

Absent: Sonny Staas

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN – MIKE BASS – CHAIRMAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ADCOCK WITH A SECOND BY DON BEACH TO APPROVE THE VICE CHAIRMAN.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Mike Bass
Don Beach
David Adcock

Abstain: Cliff Stewart

Absent: Sonny Staas

CONSENT AGENDA:

Discussion and possible vote on previously approved Consent Agenda CEU Request: for previously approved courses whose only change is updating them from 2017 NEC to 2020 NEC. Any item on the consent agenda may be discussed and voted on separately.

AMERICAN ELECTRICAL INSTITUTE, 2020 NEC CODE CHANGE, ONLINE, MIKE PELLHAM, INSTRUCTOR, FOR 6 CREDIT HOURS

ARKANSAS CHAPTER OF IAEL, 2020 IAEL NEC ANALYSIS OF CHANGES, DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2021, DANNY KING, INSTRUCTOR, FOR UP TO 6 CREDIT HOURS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DON BEACH WITH A SECOND BY DAVID ADCOCK TO APPROVE THE AMERICAN ELECTRICAL INSTITUTE AND THE ARKANSAS CHAPTER OF IAEL, CE APPLICATIONS AS SUBMITTED.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Don Beach
Cliff Stewart
Mike Bass
David Adcock

Absent: Sonny Staas

CONSENT AGENDA:

Discussion and possible vote to recommend approval to the CIB Board to continue reciprocity under the same terms as the last agreement by renewing the five year Reciprocal Agreement for the Unlimited Electrical Journeyman license with the following states, contingent upon the reciprocal state's approval. (Any item may be removed from the consent agenda by any Committee member who requests to discuss the item for consideration as a separate action item.)
- Ron Morris, Electrical Division Supervisor.

STATE OF MONTANA AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, CONTINGENT UPON THE STATE OF MONTANA'S APPROVAL.

A MOTION WAS MADE DAVID ADCOCK WITH A SECOND BY DON BEACH TO APPROVE THE RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF MONTANA AND ARKANSAS.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Kyle Williamson
Don Beach
Cliff Stewart
Mike Bass
David Adcock

Absent: Sonny Staas

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID ADCOCK WITH A SECOND BY DON BEACH TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED

Voting aye: Cliff Stewart
Mike Bass
David Adcock
Don Beach
Kyle Williamson

Absent: Sonny Staas

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/s/ Mike Bass

Mike Bass, Chairman

PREPARED BY: /s/ Brittany Haywood

Brittany Haywood, Secretary to the Electrical Examining Committee