



## **Electric Board MINUTES**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

July 25, 2012

The Electric Board convened in a regular meeting on July 25, 2012 at the One Texas Center building, 505 Barton Springs Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room 300, Austin, Texas.

Board Chair Randy Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Randy Pomikahl, Robert Schmidt, Peggy Simpson, Ronny Williams, Chris Wagner, Tasha McCarter. Board Member Randy Walden was absent.

**Staff in Attendance:** Dan McNabb, Carl Thompson, Julie Kirby, Leon Barba, Marvin Pace, Joe Ramirez, Tony Hernandez, JB Meier, and Florin Vasile.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of January 25, 2012 were approved on Board Member Chris Wagner's motion and Board Member Ronny William's second on a 6-0 vote.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **DISCUSSION:**
  - a. **Discussion of proposed TDLR rule change concerning on site supervision.**

There is lack of state enforcement and a discrepancy of supervision for on-site work. One journeyman, doesn't have to be a master, should be in subdivision to supervise apprentices.
  - b. **Discussion of TDLR's interpretation of Solar Contractors with respect to being licensed as electrical contractors.**

The Board would like Austin Energy to add a requirement that a Licensed Master Electrician must pull electric permits and install solar systems.
  - c. **Discussion of Austin Energy criteria manual.**

The Board discussed:

    - New change that owners/citizens will now have to purchase metering equipment.
    - The manual currently conflicts with the adopted NEC code, and needs to be changed.
    - Building Inspectors inspecting AE equipment.
    - Plan Review wants AE to approve deviations from the criteria manual in writing.
    - Staff will meet with AE David Wood, to correct conflicts and processes.
    - Staff suggests AE staff review plans for AE service and solar systems.
  - d. **Update on Special Permit for service work.**

The Board may encourage City Council to support 2 new FTEs for the Electric Special Inspection Program, which was approved by ordinance.
4. **STAFF UPDATE:**
  - a. 2012 code adoption timeline handout.
  - b. Staff will not create a Code Interpretation for "subcontractor", because it is defined in the electric code, and the state should enforce their license law.
5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - a. Discussion and possible action on suggested changes to draft Austin Energy Design Criteria Manual.
  - b. Discuss Code Compliance enforcement of unlicensed or unregistered electrical contractors.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ronny Williams and seconded by Randy Pomikahl for a vote of 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.