



Electric Board MINUTES

MEETING
June 4, 2014

The Electric Board convened in a Board meeting on June 4, 2014 at City Hall, 321 West 2nd Street, Board & Commission Room, 1st Floor.

Board Chair Randy Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Randy Pomikahl, Peggy Simpson, Bobby Schmidt, and Randy Walden. **Board Members Not in Attendance:** Chris Wagner, Ronny Williams, and Tasha McCarter
Staff in Attendance: Jose Roig, Carl Thompson, Marvin Pace, Alan Small, Joan Wilhite, Tommy Nylec, and Julie Kirby.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** David Johnson, Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) urged the Board to adopt the 2014 NEC, and they would not support the proposed Board consolidation due to the technical nature of the National Electric Code (NEC) and other technical codes.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 26, 2014 meeting was approved on Board Member Schmidt's motion and Board Member Simpson second on a 4-0 vote.
3. **NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION:**
 - a. **Discussion of the Board Task Force report on the 2014 NEC code adoption.**
Board Chair Pomikahl stated that the group met twice and updated the current ordinance. Carl Thompson reviewed the significant code changes.
 - b. **Discussion of an additional item relating to the 2014 NEC.**
Board Chair Pomikahl requested that the City of Austin automatically adopt the NEC in September of the code cycle which would align with the State adoption. City staff had concerns due to the numerous local code amendments which revise the NEC for the local jurisdiction.
 - c. **Brief update on the ordinance change regarding contractor license requirements.**
The Board discussed creating enforcement for violations. Dallas issues citations. The State is under staffed so it is difficult to enforce. The Board directed staff to research how San Antonio handles enforcement on Board Member Schmidt's motion and Board Member Simpson second on a 4-0 vote. Board Member Schmidt made a motion to create a Work Group to discuss what proper documentation would be required to enforce the ordinance, and second by Board Member Simpson on a 4-0 vote. The Work Group would include Board Members Pomikahl and Schmidt, Carl Thompson, and Dave Johnson.
 - d. **Discussion of the proposed Austin Energy "Aid to Construction Fees" to be implemented.**
Tommy Nylec of Austin Energy presented an overview of the fees, which would apply to changes in design and be paid directly to Austin Energy during the plan review process.

3. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - 2014 NEC code adoption

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Pomikahl and the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.