



## **Electric Board MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
July 30, 2014**

The Electric Board convened in a Board meeting on July 30, 2014 at City Hall, 321 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Board & Commission Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

Board Chair Randy Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Randy Pomikahl, Peggy Simpson, Bobby Schmidt, Chris Wagner, Ronny Williams, and Tasha McCarter. **Members Not in Attendance:** Randy Walden  
**Staff in Attendance:** Jose Roig, Carl Thompson, and Julie Kirby.

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** David Johnson, IEC urged the Board to adopt the 2014 NEC and would not support the proposed Board consolidation. Philip Lawhon (IBEW) would not support the proposed Board consolidation.
2. **CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Discuss code amendment for the 2014 NEC code adoption.**  
Carl Thompson provided an overview of the final draft ordinance. The City legal department is currently reviewing Pomikahl's request that the City of Austin automatically adopt the NEC for each code cycle which would align with the State adoption. Board member Williams made a motion to proceed with the adoption as presented second by Schmidt for a vote of 6-0. Mr. Thompson also discussed the staff process to on suspending electrical subcontractor violations.
3. **NEW BUSINESS AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - a. **Discuss Boards and Commission Task Force recommendation for the consolidation of the three technical boards.** Jose Roig provided information on the consolidation including the composition of San Antonio and Dallas's consolidated boards. The Board discussed the complexity of the technical codes and that the current board structure provides a broad spectrum of the industry. After additional discussion, Board Member Wagner made a motion to not support the consolidation of the three technical boards second by Board Member Williams for a vote of 6-0. After additional discussion, Board Member Schmidt made a motion to modify the current Electric Board composition to create 11 members as the following list, and second by Board Member Pomikahl for a vote of 6-0.
    - 2 Master Electrician (State of Texas licensed)
    - 2 Journeyman Electrician (State of Texas licensed)
    - 2 Electrical Contractors (registered in Austin)
    - 2 Electrical Engineers
    - 1 IEC representative
    - 1 IBEW representative
    - 1 Citizen
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
5. **ADJOURN**  
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wagner, and the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.