



Electric Board Approved MINUTES

BOARD MEETING July 20, 2016

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on July 20, 2016 at the One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 300, Austin.

Board Chair Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Randy Pomikahl, David Johnson, Robert Schmidt, Delwin Goss, Tim Parker, and Robert Bowne. **Members Not in Attendance:**, John Lambert, Chris Wagner, and Jacob Pereira.

Staff in Attendance: Julie Kirby(DSD), Carl Thompson(DSD), David Tomczyszyn (AE), Zulema Flores(DSD).

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting was approved on Vice Chair Schmidt's motion and second by David Johnson for a 6-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Discuss the Electrical Change Out program missing from the COA website.** Staff indicated that the Special Inspection Program packet is back on the website.
 - b. **Discuss and follow up on the Board Work Group meetings re: the permitting and ordinance enforcement.** The Board discussed that the Permit Center has improved in turn around and process.
 - c. **Discuss enforcement options for the City of Austin (COA) electrical ordinance.** The Board discussed Resolution 20160616-025 proposing to consolidate the Austin Code Dept. with the Development Services Dept. (DSD). Board Member Goss made a motion to make a Board Recommendation to support the consolidation of the Austin Code Department with the DSD Department, second by David Johnson for a 6-0 vote. Chair Pomikahl plans to meet with the City Manager to discuss.
 - d. **Discuss consistency with the electrical technical ordinance inspection requirements.** The Board discussed that consistency of inspections has greatly improved. The Board would like to simplify the technical ordinance in the next code cycle for the 2017 NEC. Staff will create a list of issues in the AE Criteria Manual that need to be addressed in the future.
 - e. **Discuss the annual IEC trade show and COA Town Hall Meeting in May 2016.** The Board discussed that the trade show went well, and interested in a follow up event in September.
 - f. **Discuss how Chapter 8 is applicable to the COA permitting process.** After discussion, Board Member Johnson made a motion- the Board has determined that as referenced in Section 90.3 (Communication Systems) of the NEC is not applicable to the electrical permitting process except as referenced by Section 110.12(E) (Removal of Abandoned Raceways), second Schmidt for a 6-0 vote.
 - g. **Discuss City Code section regarding a Max permit fee that may not exceed total cost of job.** The Board tabled this item and postponed to the next meeting.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - Discuss enforcement options for the City of Austin (COA) electrical ordinance.
 - Address AE Criteria Manual issues and conflicts.
 - Continue discussion on how Chapter 8 is applicable to the COA permitting process.
 - Discuss City Code section regarding a Max permit fee that may not exceed total cost of job
 - Creation of a work group in January 2017 for the 2017 NEC adoption.
5. **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pomikahl, and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.