



**Electric Board
Approved MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2016**

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on September 21, 2016 at the Learning Research Center, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Airport, Austin.

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

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

Staff in Attendance: Julie Kirby(DSD), Carl Thompson(DSD), Michael Pittman (AE), Danny McReynolds(AE).

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the July 20, 2016 meeting was approved on Board Member Bowne's motion and second by David Johnson for a 7-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Approve annual Board Schedule for 2017.** The 2017 Board Schedule was approved on Board Member Lambert's motion and second by Delwin Goss for a 7-0 vote.
 - b. **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). The Board continues to look for a solution for enforcement. Chair Pomikahl plans to attend the meeting with the Code and DSD Depts. Julie will assist.
 - c. **Discuss the new rule for the AE Criteria Manual (AECM).**
AE is currently drafting a rule and asked the Board for any changes. Carl Thompson, Chief Electrical Inspector, provided a list of suggested changes. AE will have a final draft by September 30th for internal review, and released for public comment November 3rd. Continued discussion on the definition of the "service point" and inspection requirements in the ETJ and other areas where AE is the service provider, and legal precedence to require design past the service point. AE will send notice regarding the public meeting in October or November.
 - d. **Discuss how Chapter 8 is applicable to the COA permitting process.** Board Member Johnson made a motion to remove this agenda item, which will be addressed in the 2017 NEC code adoption, second by Delwin Goss for a 7-0 vote.
 - e. **Discuss City Code section regarding a Max permit fee that may not exceed total cost of job.** The Board continues to search for a state statute. Board tabled this item for the next meeting. The Board discussed the Council resolution for Expedited Permits
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - Discuss enforcement options for the City of Austin (COA) electrical ordinance.
 - Discuss AE Criteria Manual draft rule.
 - Discuss City Code section regarding a Max permit fee that may not exceed total cost of job.
 - Expedited Permit Program –Report back on Council decision.
 - Lobbying ordinance clarification –Report back.
 - Electrical Special Inspections Program – possibility of fee decrease. Reevaluate program.
 - 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 11:30 a.m.