



**Electric Board  
Approved MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING  
October 20, 2016**

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on October 20, 2016 at the Learning Research Center, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Airport, Austin.

Board Chair Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Julie Kirby(DSD), Carl Thompson(DSD).

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 21, 2016 meeting was approved on Vice Chair Schmidt's motion and second by Board Member Bowne for a 6-0 vote.
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - a. **Discuss enforcement options for the City of Austin (COA) electrical ordinance.** The Board requests that a spokesman from Austin Code attend the next Board Meeting to discuss. Board Member Johnson made a motion to table this item for future updates, second by Board Member Wagner for a 6-0 vote.
  - b. **Discuss the new rule for the AE Criteria Manual (AECM).**

The Board would like to receive the notice including the date and time for the stakeholder meeting for the new draft rule. When the draft rule is available, it will be placed on the next Board agenda.
  - c. **Discuss code section regarding max permit fee to not exceed total cost of job.** The Board completed this discussion and would like this item removed from the agenda.
  - d. **Discuss Expedited permit program and council action.** The Board discussed that staff is ready to move forward with the resolution to City Council, which includes the Workers Defense Project option that would apply to large projects. Board Member Johnson made a motion to Recommend to Council to support the Program but have staff do the enforcement in-house and not use a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company. No second was made, so the motion failed.
  - e. **Discuss Lobbying Ordinance clarification.** The Board discussed and would like to know if Board members are lobbyist, as per the ordinance. Once answered by staff, then remove from the agenda.
  - f. **Discuss Electrical Special Inspection Program.** The Board would like to improve interest in this program and reduce the fee. To be discussed at the Ordinance Task Force Meeting.
  - g. **Discuss adoption of the 2017 NEC.** Tabled to the November Board Meeting. The Electric Board Task Force will include Randy Pomikahl, Dave Johnson, Robert Bowne, John Lambert, Carl Thompson, and Gabe Flores. The Board would prefer to meet at the airport facility. The date to be determined.
  - h. **Discuss adding Solar to the Electric Board's scope.** The Mechanical Plumbing & Solar Board made a recommendation to remove Solar from the Board's scope of duties, since solar installations are regulated primarily by the NEC. Board Member Wagner made a motion to recommend to City Council to add solar to the scope of the Electric Board, second by Board Member Lambert for a 6-0 vote. To be discussed at the Ordinance Task Force Meeting.
  - i. **Discuss Ord Sec 334.10 interpretation on nonmetallic-sheathed cable.** To be discussed at the Ordinance Task Force Meeting.
4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - Discuss AE Criteria Manual draft rule.
  - Creation of a Task Force group for the 2017 NEC adoption, to meet in January 2017.
5. **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnson, and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.