



Electric Board Draft MINUTES

**BOARD MEETING
May 16, 2018**

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on May 16, 2018 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 325, Austin, Texas.

Board Chair Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Randy Pomikahl, David Johnson, Gabriel Flores, Delwin Goss, Robert Bowne, Mark Weaver and Robert Schmidt.

Members Not in Attendance: Jacob Pereira, Matthew Friestman, David Dixon, Michael Portnoy,

Staff in Attendance: Richard Anderson (DSD), Rick Arzola (DSD), Carl Thompson (DSD) and Jose Roig (DSD)

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Paul Cauduro, Director of Government Relations with Austin Apartment Association is wanting input and support from the electrical board members for the Annual permit program. David Glenn with the Home Builders Association is seeking assistance from the Electrical Board for ideas to assist DSD Electrical inspectors for more staff to cut down the wait time for electric inspections.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the February 21st meeting was approved. Chair Pomikahl made the motion to accept the minutes as written. V. Chair Johnson seconded, and the motion passed 7-0
3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**
 - a. Board member Schmidt made the motion to nominate and re-elect Pomikahl as Chair, second by board member Bowne, motion passed 7-0
 - b. Board member Schmidt made the motion to nominate and re-elect Johnson as vice chair. Seconded by board member Goss. Motion passed 7-0
4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - a. **Review Final Draft Ordinance:** Still awaiting final draft ordinance from the law department. Board is requesting urgency for this ordinance.
 - b. **Review the need for additional electrical inspectors:** Board heard from DSD staff that the issues lie in the hands of council. Requests were made at last fiscal budget for an additional 6 inspectors, but received none. Board is recommending a task force to hear suggestions from DSD staff and stakeholders for ideas to present to council and next fiscal budget year to alleviate the costly wait time for electrical inspections.
 - c. **Review time frame that inspections are being made at:** Residential development was putting a strain in timely inspections and creating a 36% in next day inspection. Far put from the 90-95% ratio prior to economic boom. Commercial electrical inspections was not as critical as Residential
 - d. **Review Permit Fees-** Board was pleased with the cost of the permits but were discouraged to hear the cost of re-inspections fees after a second visit. Board recommends to DSD staff to find productive ways to communicate to contractors and homeowner to make them aware of this such type fee. Contractors will need to input a calculation cost to their service to price out jobs.

- e. **Annual Permit Program:** Paul Cauduro is seeking support and guidance from the electrical board for maintenance workers who work in multi-family apartments to allow them to work without pulling a permit for common every day maintenance work. But have questions to the board on where the line is drawn as to what they can do without permits. Electrical Board is requesting for Mr. Cauduro to provide a series of questions as to what job functions those duties are and DSD is checking with TDLR on what those items are allowable or not.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Review final draft
- b. Report from work group
- c. Report back from TDLR on licensing on work without permits.

6. ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pomikahl and second by Weaver for a 7-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.