

Electric Board APPROVED MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING September 12, 2018

The Electric Board convened in a Board Meeting on September 12, 2018 at One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 300, Austin, Texas.

Board Chair Pomikahl called the Board Meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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

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

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

- 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: <u>David Glenn</u> with the Home Builders Association. <u>Jerry Daniel</u> and <u>David Gonzales</u> with Texas Department and License and Regulation.
- **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the June 20, 2018 meeting was approved with modifications. Vice chair member Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes and board member Goss seconded, and the motion passed 6-0

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- **a. TDLR License Exemption:** DSD staff is requesting a master electrician of record for all work performed to the Annual Permit Program. Work is limited and the way the ordinances are written, Apartment association was requesting some sort of decision on what they could do with a maintenance license. TDLR staff explains that a definition is in place within their statute however it is extremely complex and difficult due to tax code and that anything that is considered maintenance but not new work and not new square footage, attorneys from both sides would need to convene to challenge a specific level. New work, new circuits and new square footage it is not considered maintenance work according to the tax code. Jerry Daniel with TDLR explains to board and DSD staff that maintenance work and personal are defined under 73.10 Administrative rules.
- **b.** Austin Energy Criteria: Staff from Austin Energy declined to appear and speak at this time.
- c. Attendance Report: DSD staff relays message to board that one board member was removed due to lack of attendance and one other was re-instated from their council member. Two other members have not been addressed and Board has expressed their disappointment and frustration due to potential lack of quorum. Board has asked DSD staff to resume its conversation with the city clerk office to look into removing the two additional board members due to their absence and to have clarification on rules and policies on continued absences that lead to three or more.
- **d.** Follow up on BCM changes Electrical Registration- DSD Staff gives an update and informs the electrical board of changes to the BCM. Changes were noted when Electrician was left out when Journeyman was being described in the draft. DSD staff also noted to forgo the 2 year requirement. DSD is anticipating the rule change in November. Board is requesting a link to the public comment. DSD will look into. Electrical registration will go thru a rule change and we are trying to get it on the November date.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- **a.** Attendance Report-Clerk office
- **b.** Austin Criteria Manual-
- c. BCM Changes- Rules posting-Leave license exemption off.

6. ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pomikahl and second by Weaver for a 6-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.