

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
Microsoft Teams Meeting
April 30, 2025, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Tor Sorlien called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Doug Fuerst, Tor Sorlien, Bob Jarding, Stephen Burgess

Members Absent: Carl Odde, Dave Eide

Others Present: Pamela Overweg, Program Director, Jerry McCabe, Division Director, Jodi Aumer, Director of Professional Licensing, Brent Schoulte, Lead Inspector SDEC, Tammi Florentz, Senior Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Doubledee, Attorney, Angela Feathers – TR Arnold

Burgess made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jarding seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

Tor Sorlien asked for public comment. No public comment was received.

Sorlien called the public hearing on proposed rule changes to order at 1:02 p.m.

A public hearing was held on proposed administrative rules.

Public hearing adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Director Overweg presented the board with information on pending third-party inspector applications. Jarding made a motion to table the applications for PFS, ICC, and RADCO until complete. Burgess seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Burgess made a motion to approve the application for TR Arnold. Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg presented the board with information on pending machinery designation applications. The board discussed. Fuerst made a motion to approve all three machinery designation applications. Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg provided an update on the subcommittees for fee structure, Hutterite colonies, and surge protection. The subcommittees for fee structure and Hutterite colonies will meet soon and the subcommittee for surge protection is complete.

Sorlien presented questions he's received on continuing education.

Brent Schoulte updated the commission on the filled position in Aberdeen and the inspectors getting caught up on expired permits during the slower time of the year.

Director Overweg updated the commission on staffing changes, billing statements continue to go out monthly, and an update on progress toward a new database.

The next commission meeting will be held in Pierre on July 10, 2025.

Jarding made a motion to adjourn the commission meeting. Burgess seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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