

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
Microsoft Teams Meeting
April 16, 9:00 a.m. CDT

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Director Overweg called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Sean Lyons, Rick Cronin, Dave Eide, Doug Fuerst, Tor Sorlien, Bob Jarding

Members Absent: Russ VanDerWerff

Others Present: Pamela Overweg - executive director, Jerry McCabe - DLR division director, Brent Schoulte - lead inspector, Rachel Dix – SDHBA, Teddi Mueller – SDHBA, Todd Anawski – SDHBA, Tim Dougherty - SHBHA

Rick Cronin made a motion to approve the agenda. Tor Sorlien seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED.

Dave Eide made a motion to approve the Feb. 8 meeting minutes. Doug Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Lyons opened the floor to public input. Multiple members from the South Dakota Home Builders Association (SDHBA) presented comments asking the commission to uphold the exemptions to the 2023 code that were exempted in the 2020 code.

Director Overweg updated the commission on the information gathered since the last meeting regarding disconnect notices. The Electrical Commission's authority ends at ordering a disconnect notice for installations that fail to meet code. Director Overweg will continue to look into alternatives to disconnect orders for installations that do not present a life safety hazard.

Director Overweg presented the commission with a typo made in the proposed policy for interpreting ARSD 20:44:20:10 regarding requested inspections and reinspections. Rick Cronin made a motion to correct the proposed policy. Dave Eide seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED.

Director Overweg highlighted the proposed administrative rules changes for the commission. Commission members briefly discussed their approval to move forward with the rule-making process.

Tor Sorlien made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and Doug Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** The Electrical Commission entered executive session at 9:50 a.m. and exited executive session at 9:59 a.m.

President Lyons welcomed Bob Jarding to the Electrical Commission board.

Director Overweg updated the commission on the progress of the new database with a go-live date in place to have it ready for the 2024 renewals. The Electrical Commission has hired a

part-time inspector in the Sturgis area and recently hired an inspector for the Aberdeen area. This will put the commission at full staffing for inspectors. The Electrical Commission office has also had some staffing changes with the departure of a senior secretary and the hiring of a program assistant.

Brent Schoulte updated the commission on the status of back-due inspections and that areas are starting to get caught up. Brent spoke on behalf of the inspectors in the state and said they are in favor of adopting the 2023 code as written with fewer exemptions than the 2020 code.

The next commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 23, 2024, with plans to hold a public hearing on the proposed rule changes.

Rick Cronin made a motion to adjourn the commission meeting. Dave Eide seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.