

AMENDED Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
Missouri Ave Event Center Conference Room
And via Microsoft Teams
July 29, 2024, 10:30 a.m. CDT

Doug made a motion to appoint Tor Sorlien as acting president for the meeting. Dave Eide seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Tor Sorlien called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Dave Eide, Doug Fuerst, Tor Sorlien, Bob Jarding

Members Absent: Rick Cronin, Sean Lyons, Stephen Burgess

Others Present: Pamela Overweg - program director, Jerry McCabe - DLR division director, Brent Schoulte - lead inspector, Jodi Aumer - director of professional licensing, Larry Kippes – chief electrical inspector for the City of Sioux Falls

Bob Jarding made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Eide seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Doug Fuerst made a motion to approve the April 26 meeting minutes. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Doug Fuerst nominated Tor Sorlien as the new board president. Bob seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Doug Fuerst nominated Bob Jarding as board secretary. Dave Eide seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg informed the commission there was an upcoming IAEI Western Section meeting in Arkansas and multiple inspectors expressed interest in attending. Dave Eide made a motion to send the lead inspector plus two more inspectors. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg informed the commission that fee increases are being considered for the upcoming legislative session across all boards and commissions. A new possible sliding scale fee schedule was introduced and discussed. Director Overweg will bring back more information regarding the current schedule and the proposed schedule to the commission at the August meeting.

President Sorlien opened the floor for public comment. Larry Kippes thanked the board for their work and spoke in favor of the commission continuing to send inspectors to the IAEI meetings to keep them educated.

Director Overweg advised the commission on the change in her title from executive director to program director to keep in line with BHR designations. Director Overweg updated the

commission on the progress of the new database. Licensing did go live in May, but the commission is in renegotiations regarding the remainder of the database.

Brent Schoulte updated the commission on the number of active permits and the positive comments regarding the newest inspectors that have been hired. The electrical commission is currently fully staffed for inspectors.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Aug. 27, 2024, with plans to hold a public hearing on the proposed rule changes. The next quarterly board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 8.

Doug Fuerst made a motion to adjourn the commission meeting. Bob Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.