STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2026

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Steve Farrington, Tyler Ritz, Jim Brummer, Nate Francis, John Hiller, Clint Hansen and guest Diane Lynch from NFPA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Hiller at 9:00 am No discussion of meeting minutes occurred. Motion to approve minutes for the July 10, 2026 Board Meeting were made by Nate Francis and seconded by Tyler Ritz Voting aye; all

FINANCIAL REPORT

9.32% of the budget year has elapsed and we have spent 6.37% of the budget, Cash balance of $646,554.60.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

District 18 Inspector position has been reposted after getting approval from the Budget Office.

Software program, still working on a lot of bugs in the system, there will be a big update done on August 12,2026 to fix a lot of the issues.

Director Thelen meets with Senator Kauth and Senator Anderson to discuss LB1134 and affordable housing on August 14, 2026.

Director Thelen presented at the Power Review Board meeting at LES and they agreed to help develop language for a Bill regarding Balcony Solar.

Staff meeting held August 12th-13th in Lincoln will be discussing Legislation, Tyler Program, introduce new inspector Todd Baum, talk about October IAEI conference in Kearney and updates from the Office.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff meeting in Kearney scheduled for October 29th-30th in conjunction with the IAEI conference.

Director Thelen will be attending the NFPA code panel meetings in California in September.

Director Thelen is working with NREA regarding a potential bill in regards to the reversal of opinion from the Attorney General regarding the Ag exemption.

Director Thelen has been working with the Budget office to look at potential savings and the areas identified are not renewing the IAEI membership, 3 staff meetings per year instead of 4, 309 fund the conference registration fees for the October IAEI conference, reduction in postage due to the new Tyler program emailing documents instead of mailing them, will not send postcards out for renewal this year, will be emails, went to black and white license paper vs. color.

Discussion regarding letting irrigation installers do the service for wells associated with irrigation and irrigation equipment but limit it to no more than 400 amps 480Volt 3 phase.

Director Thelen advised the Board of an Electrocution that occurred in Papillion and a report was done on the incident.

Next meeting October 2, 2026

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 am by Steve Farrington and seconded by Jim Brummer all in favor Aye; all.

Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary