STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
October 2, 2026

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Tyler Ritz, Nate Francis, Boyd Pedersen, Mike Hunsberger

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mike Hunsberger at 9:00 am No discussion of meeting minutes occurred. Motion to approve minutes for the August 14, 2026 Board Meeting were made by Nate Francis and seconded by Tyler Ritz Voting aye; all

FINANCIAL REPORT

21.64% of the budget year has elapsed and we have spent 17.93% of the budget, Cash balance of $713,302.77. Discussion was had regarding renewal and on day one we renewed 256 licenses. The Board also discussed making one lump sum payment of $500,000 in January and agreed to vote on it at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

District 18 Inspector position has been filled by John Fibelstad of Minatare, so the Team has been working on training.

Tyler Program, finished the testing for license renewal, so hopefully that goes smooth.

Next Meeting with Senator Kauth is set up for October 8th at the Capitol regarding affordable housing and code adoptions.

Director Thelen will be presenting on PIPV at the Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference on October 20th

Director Thelen attended the NERA conference in Arkansas and had good discussion regarding reciprocal licensing, looks like two more states will be joining in the near future, NFPA has agreed to present at the next meeting regarding the code and code updates.

Director Thelen talked about the NASCLA conference and how discussion about Licensing was a hot topic, Connecticut asked to share language on our recent adoption of language regarding penalty for violating the Statutes.

The next staff meeting is October 29th and 30th in Kearney.

NEW BUSINESS

It is with a heavy heart the announcement of the passing of Stephen Farrington one of our current Board Members. Director Thelen will be attending the funeral on September 18th.

Director Thelen has been contacted by the State of Kansas regarding a State licensing program and has shared with them what the State of Nebraska currently has in place.

Inspector Supervisor David Giron has resigned, we have posted the position.

Next meeting November 6, 2026

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 am by Tyler Ritz and seconded by Nate Francis all in favor Aye; all.

Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary