

**STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING**  
**March 13,2026**

**ATTENDEES: Division** Director Craig Thelen, Steve Farrington, Nate Francis, Boyd, Pedersen, Eric Kasik and John Hiller and Tyler Ritz on Webex.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Boyd Pedersen at 9:07 am No discussion of meeting minutes occurred. Motion to approve minutes made by Steve Farrington and seconded by Nate Francis Voting aye; all.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Director Thelen financial report 66.58% of the year has elapsed and we are at 56.04% spent, \$347,226 under spent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Thelen testified at 4 bills, LB889-Penalty phase, LB725-State Act update, LB726-Code adoption and LB1134-Reverting back to the 2008 code, I testified in support of all but the last one, which John Hiller and Director Thelen both testified against it.

Director Thelen is reporting that revenue is behind schedule and has requested an advance on cash from the Appropriation Committee to cover expenses until the permitting and licensing revenue catches up, which will require a vote, Director Thelen has a proposal for new fees for 2026-2027 and would like to get the Board to review and approve the proposal or a revised proposal.

District 6 Inspector Chris Slocum has resigned, and we are in the process of trying to fill the position.

Madonna Betts has started with the Division and is doing awesome.

Software program is progressing and looking for a late April 13th go live date, had a few delays, but working through them.

Director Thelen wanted to report on the updated Attorney General's opinion and conducted a meeting with the NREA and looked at possible options for addressing this new reversal of opinion.

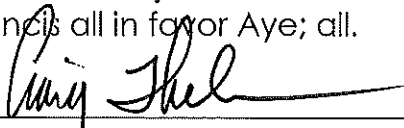
**NEW BUSINESS**

District 18 Inspector Ted Vakoc announced his retirement in April, so we will start the process to backfill that position.

Director Thelen's travel schedule for 2026 includes NFPA conference, NFPA code panel meeting, NERA meeting and NASCLA meeting, the only one that will cost the Agency is the NERA meeting, the remainder of the meetings are covered by either the NFPA or NASCLA.

**Next Board Meeting is April 24, 2026**

Motion to adjourn at 10:37 am by Steve Farrington and seconded by Nate Francis all in favor Aye; all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Thelen", written over a horizontal line.

Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary