

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD MEETING
January 20,2023

ATTENDEES: Division Director Craig Thelen, Boyd Pedersen, Kurt Griess, Dave Hunter, John Hiller and Jim Brummer,

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by John Hiller at 9:00 am No discussion of meeting minutes occurred. Motion to approve minutes made by Boyd Pedersen and seconded by Kurt Griess Voting aye; all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Thelen financial report, 50% of the year has elapsed and we are at 39% spent. Cash flow is at \$1,458,297.00. License renewal has started, and we are at 10,437 licenses.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Reciprocal EC licenses with Iowa is completed and went into effect January 1,2023 and Texas EC license is not finalized yet.

Director Thelen talked about the 3 legislative bills which are LB144 for the State Act Update, LB172 for the NFPA 70 NEC 2023 code adoption and LB716 for moving the fees under rules. The first hearing is January 24th on LB172. Discussed another bill that we are watching.

Director Thelen discussed the renewal process and how we completed over 11,000 license renewals and renewal continues until March 30,2023.

The position for the licensing is filled and Allyson Crawford-Thiel has accepted the position and started just before Christmas. She is doing an awesome job already.

Director Thelen reported that the process has started to fill the Chief Inspector position and that we have narrowed the search down to the top 4 from 8 applicants.

The Holiday open house was a success and we got good feedback. A lot of good team building came from this.

Director Thelen shared that the rules changes that we had the hearing for at the November Board Meeting was approved and went into effect December 27, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Thelen shared with the Board what he would like to do for a raise for Melissa Hamilton and Kim Farnstrom. He shared that he would like to give each of them a 7% raise and the Board agreed and voted unanimously to approve this raise for each of them.

The Board went into Executive Session and voted and approved unanimously a 7% raise for Director Thelen and a \$3,500 one-time bonus.

Motion to adjourn at 10:54 by Boyd Pedersen and seconded by Jim Brummer all in favor Aye; all



Craig Thelen, Executive Secretary