

# Meeting Minutes: Board of Electricity

Date: July 14, 2020  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: WebEx Event

## **Members Present:**

David Curtis  
Alfreda Daniels  
Cole Funseth  
Duane Hendricks – Vice-Chair  
Todd Huttner  
Chad Kurdi  
Peter Lindahl – Secretary  
Desiree Weigel  
Daniel Westberg – Chair  
John Williamson  
Weston Wilson

## **Members Absent:**

Mike Hanson

## **DLI Staff & Visitors:**

Jeff Lebowski (Gen. Counsel, DLI)  
Suzanne Todnem (DLI)  
Lyndy Logan (DLI)  
Neil Furman (DLI)  
Dean Hunter (DLI)  
Marty Kumm (DLI)  
Steve Dudley (DLI)  
Todd Green (DLI)  
Charlie Durenberger (DLI)

## **DLI Staff & Visitors continued:**

Chad Payment (DLI)  
Clara Albert (Electrical Assn.)  
Ashley Bryant (Siemens)  
Michelle Dreier (Electrical Assn.)  
David Frary (IBEW 292)  
Jim Freichels (Dell-Comm, Inc.)  
Derrick Givens (IBEW 292)  
Tim Grimm (St. Paul Electrical JATC)  
Lloyd Grooms (LWG, P.A.)  
Adam Hanson (ABC)  
Jeff Heimerl (IBEW 292)  
Don Iverson (Square D)  
William Krause (IBEW 292)  
Tony Maghrak (IBEW)  
Tim McClintock (NEMA)  
Dan Moynihan (City of St. Paul)  
Dan Neeser (Eaton Bussmann)  
Aaron Olson (IBEW 292)  
David Smith (Eaton)  
Andy Snope (IBEW 292)  
Gary Thaden (NECA)

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chair Westberg. Roll call was taken by Secretary Lindahl and a quorum was declared with 11 of 12 voting members present via WebEx. Westberg welcomed new members and said that today's meeting is being held electronically via the WebEx format due to the current status of the State of Minnesota operating under the COVID-19 health pandemic. Per Statute Section 13D.021, electronic meetings are acceptable when holding an in-person meeting is "not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Chapter 12." Members and the public will be able to hear and see all discussions. All materials are located on the Board of Electricity's webpage. Westberg gave WebEx instructions for sending a chat message and how to raise hand during the meeting. All votes will be taken by roll call.

## 2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Lindahl, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

## 3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

### a. **January 14, 2020 regular Board meeting (April 9, 2019 meeting cancelled due to COVID)**

A motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Lindahl, to approve the January 14, 2020, meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

### b. **October 8, 2019 NEC 2020 Adoption Review Committee**

A motion was made by Lindahl, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the January 14, 2020, meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

## 4. **Regular Business**

### a. **Expense Approval** – Send electronically to Lyndy for review and approval.

### b. **Enforcement & licensing update** – Charlie Durenberger, Director of Licensing & Enforcement

- Durenberger said that [Electrical Enforcement Orders issued from Jan. 1, 2020 through July 13, 2020](#), can be found on the department's website.
- Durenberger said license exams resumed two weeks earlier – the department was unable to administer exams previously due to COVID-19. There was a total of 286 individuals that recently took the electrical licensing exam and there are 31 scheduled to take the exam in Baxter today and Thursday.

### c. **Inspections update**

Williamson gave a brief update on the department's new permitting system, iMS.

## 5. **Special Business**

### a. **2020 NEC Adoption**

Jeff Lebowski, Attorney for the Board, DLI, said the hearing on the 2020 NEC adoption is scheduled for August 19, 2020. Meeting information and documentation filed with the Court is available on the department's website at: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/rulemaking/rulemaking-docket-minnesota-rules-1315>. Lebowski said to contact him or the ALJ if interested in testifying. He said anyone wishing to discuss testimony procedures and process should contact him. The OAH will conduct the hearing via WebEx.

### b. **Election of Officers** – the meeting was turned over to John Williamson, Commissioner's Designee, for the election of officers.

**Board Chair** – Duane Hendricks nominated Dan Westberg as Chair. No other nominations were given. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor; the nomination passed. Westberg was re-elected as Chair.

**Board Vice Chair** – Dan Westberg nominated Duane Hendricks as Vice Chair. No other nominations were given. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor; the nomination passed. Hendricks was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

**Board Secretary** – Duane Hendricks nominated Peter Lindahl as Secretary. No other nominations were given. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor; the nomination passed. Lindahl was re-elected as Secretary.

**Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC) representative and alternate** – The Chair assigned Duane Hendricks to continue as the representative to the CCAC with Alfreda Daniels continuing as his alternate.

**6. Committee Reports**

**Construction Codes Advisory Council (CCAC)**

Lebowski said the CCAC has not met but the Council still needs to approve the Residential Energy Code. There is a WebEx public input hearing scheduled for 9 a.m., August 3, 2020. Information can be found on the department’s website at: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/rulemaking/rulemaking-docket-minnesota-rules-chapter-1322>

**7. Complaints**

No complaints brought forth

**8. Open Forum**

None

**9. Board Discussion**

Nothing relevant was discussed.

**10. Announcements**

Next regularly scheduled meeting – 9:00 a.m., WebEx Event  
a. October 13, 2020

**11. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lindahl, seconded by Daniels, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. The roll call vote was unanimous with 11 votes in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Peter Lindahl*

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Secretary