



**Electric Board
APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING
September 15, 2021**

The Electric Board convened in a Regular Called Board Meeting on September 15, 2021 at the Planning Development Center at 10:10 am.

Board Members in Attendance: Gabe Flores, Rogelio Wallace, David Johnson, Ben Brenneman, Michael King and Randy Pomikahl

Members Not in Attendance: Nicole Stasek and David Adamson; Delwin Goss

Staff in Attendance: Rick Arzola (DSD), Mitchell Tolbert (DSD), Marty Starrett (DSD)

1. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There was no registration of citizens to speak at this Electrical Board.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the August 18, 2021 regular called meeting was approved. Board member Pomikahl made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Board member King second the motion, and the motion passed 6-0.
- 2 **DISCUSSION**
 - a. **Austin Criteria Manual Update-** No update. Next scheduled meeting with Austin Energy is in October. Staff did make aware to Austin Energy to invite the Electrical Board to this meeting.
 - b. **Tentative Interim Agreement-** Vice. Chair Johnson updates the board that the Standard Council has approved the TIA and will incorporate itself into the NEC and become effective Sept 15, 2021. TDLR will possibly review this in or around 90 days and could quite possibly mirror the NEC has come up with as there is compatibility issues that would need to be resolved.
 - c. **Legislature Update-** No updates as of now. Perhaps in October.
 - d. **Inspection Update on 2020 Code** – DSD Commercial Electrical Supervisor Starrett has indicated no issues on the commercial side that has surfaced as well as residential. Questions and conversations did follow on the number of receptacles outlets are required or needed on kitchen islands. Discussion is still ongoing with residential DSD staff.
 - e. **DSD Permit Program-** Staff Mitchell Tolbert updated that there has been some minor edits in the program and that many permits that are being submitted online are being sent over to the inspection admin staff for issuance. Inspection staff will review the submittal and send them back for issuance with the service center. And those needing reviewed are being sent to plan review. Permit staff has had a few vacancies and have begun to fill those positions. There are still more positions to fill but staff are trying to get training to those who have come aboard and catch them up to speed before filling rest of those positions.
 - f. **Solar Systems for Apartments** Staff member Tolbert provided an update that originally staff was attempting to add this as an addendum to the current coalition agreement but has elected to wrap it up as no objections has come forward from DSD or any other units. So effectively the residential design of solar systems will be allowed for condo and townhomes.

- g. **IBC Code Changes affecting Electrical.** Staff member Tolbert will update the board at our next meeting on what some of those changes are. Staff member Starrett did give one- mass timber where the current code would allow type 4 mass timber all sprinkled to be 18 stories high. So for the romex code, it would be type 4 construction.
- h. **COVID update:** No Update- We are now meeting live in person.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- i. Discussion of IBC Code changes in reference to Electrical.
- ii. Discussion- Criteria Manual
- iii. Discussion- Meter disconnect location within site language
- iv. Discussion- Inspection update on the 2020 Code
- v. Discussion- DSD Permit Program
- vi. Discussion- Solar Systems for Apartments update
- vii. Discussion- Qualification of combination inspector
- viii. Discussion and Action- 2022 Board Schedule.

5. ADJOURN: Board member Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.