

**IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**Wednesday – October 24, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. (MDT)**

**Division of Building Safety  
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian  
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d’Alene  
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello**

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2018 MEETING**

**NOTE:** The following report is not a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting; however, is to record the significant features of those discussions.

Chairman Bob Scott called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. (MDT)

**Board Members Present:**

Bob Scott, Chairman  
Todd Feusier  
Allan Perman  
Rick Stark  
Dale Pippitt  
Joe Harbacheck  
Jim Marchetti (Pocatello)

**DBS Staff Members Present:**

Chris L. Jensen, Administrator (Teleconference)  
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General  
Warren Wing, Electrical Program Manager  
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Gary Sonnen, Regional Supervisor, Region 1  
Shelly Farris, Regional Supervisor, Region 3  
Amy Kohler, Compliance Program Specialist  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Open Forum**

City and County – There were no new issues to discuss during open forum.

Plan Reviews – Jacob Hassard, LLS PLLC, voiced his concern with the cost of permits and the timeframe it takes the state of Idaho to conduct plan reviews. With a 330% increase in plan reviews from last year, the Division’s current turnaround is 12-days, barring no code violations.

The Board is unable to take action on topics under “Open Forum”. Therefore, the Chairman suggested if Mr. Hassard wants to pursue this issue further to bring suggestions to DBS and get on the agenda for the January 2019 board meeting agenda.

◆ **Approval of the October 24, 2018 Agenda**

Chairman Scott stated the Board would not hear Guy Robertson’s appeal, Agenda Item 02c, as Mr. Robertson has asked to postpone his hearing until the January 2019 board meeting.

**MOTION:** Joe Harbacheck made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Allan Perman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the July 25, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Todd Feusier made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Allan Perman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Administrative Appeals Hearing**

Chris Lewis-Advanced Insulation--NOV ELE1803-0005 – Chris Lewis nor representatives for Advanced Insulation were present; therefore, the Chairman moved to the next hearing.

Super D Electric, LLC--NOV ELE1804-0001, 1805-0004, and 1807-0009 – With no representation for Super D Electric, LLC, the appeal was abandoned.

**MOTION:** Joe Harbacheck made a motion to enter into a Notice of Intent to take Default on the appeal for Super D Electric, LLC. Dale Pippitt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**ACTION:** The Deputy Attorney General will create a written decision for NOV ELE1804-0001, 1805-0004, and 1807-0009 for the Chairman’s signature and the Division will provide a signed copy to Super D Electric, LLC.

Chris Lewis-Advanced Insulation--NOV ELE1803-0005 (Cont’d) – With no representation for Chris Lewis and/or Advanced Insulation, the appeal was abandoned.

**MOTION:** Allan Perman made a motion to enter into a Notice of Intent to take Default on the appeal by Chris Lewis-Advanced Insulation. Todd Feusier seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**ACTION:** The Deputy Attorney General will create a written decision for NOV ELE1803-0005 for the Chairman’s signature and the Division will provide a signed copy to Chris Lewis-Advanced Insulation.

◆ **Schedule 2019 Board Meetings**

Suggested were the following dates for the 2019 Idaho Electrical Board meetings: January 23, April 24, July 24 and October 23.

**MOTION:** Rick Stark made a motion to approve the above-mentioned dates for the 2019 Idaho Electrical Board meetings. Dale Pippitt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Electrical Specialty License for Signs**

The agenda provided at the meeting was incorrect. The revised agenda had Agenda Item 04, *Electrical Specialty License for Signs*, under the action agenda.

James Carpentier, Representative for Northwest Sign Council and International Sign Association, brought forth a proposed rule change that would allow electrical specialty contractors to service, maintain, repair existing luminaires, replace in-kind luminaires, and install retrofit kits in existing luminaires that mount on a pole or other structure with in-kind retrofit components.

Unable to attend the meeting, Board Member Greg Eagy asked Chairman Scott to read an e-mail into the record, in which Board Member Eagy essentially opposes the proposal. In addition, board members and several audience members addressed their concerns as well.

The Chairman asked if anyone on the board wished to make a motion to direct DBS to enter into negotiated rulemaking on the draft rule. Hearing none, no further action is required.

◆ **Administrative Appeals Hearing (Cont'd)**

Super D Electric, LLC--NOV ELE1804-0001, 1805-0004, and 1807-0009 – With two different time zones in the state of Idaho, the representative for Super D Electric mistook the start time of the meeting. All parties involved with the appeal had left the meeting; therefore, the Board elected to hold the hearing for Super D Electric at the January 2019 board meeting.

**MOTION:** Todd Feusier made a motion to rescind the previous motion to enter into a Notice of Intent to take Default, and place the appeal for Super D Electric, LLC, on the January 2019 board meeting agenda. Allen Perman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance (NERA) Annual Meeting – In August, the Division hosted NERA's annual meeting with representatives from 16 states. NERA would like to create a test bank of questions for journeyman/master electrician exams and share among the states. Every state in the alliance is dealing with legislators and licensing barriers, and some are even discussing doing away with reciprocal licensing.

2018 IAEI Meeting – In September, Electrical Program Manager Warren Wing attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northwestern Section meeting in St. George, Utah. Making contacts at the meeting has allowed DBS to bring industry experts in to teach continuing education classes.

Verbal Judo Training – To learn valuable skills to prevent and respond to emotionally charged situations, DBS has and will continue to provide this course to staff.

Spa Industry – Underwriters Laboratories does not allow above ground and package unit spas placed into the ground. The Electrical Program Manager has been conducting outreach to the spa industry on this issue.

◆ **Compliance Program Report**

Notice of Violation (NOV) Letters – The Division is revamping the NOV letters; providing additional facts about the violation.

Apprentice Ratio – The Division has received several requests to use the 3-1 apprentice ratio; however, based on special circumstances, only approved are two companies.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – The Board's finances are in good condition. By the end of 2018, there will be nearly one year's worth of revenue in reserve, which the Division prefers for the program.

City of Meridian – The Division has concluded its building contract, plan reviews, with the city of Meridian; however, continues to manage the mechanical program. In addition, DBS is still providing two electrical inspectors, until the end of the year, to supplement the people the City is hiring.

Board Packets – The Chairman requested, and the Administrator offered, to look into the Division generating hard copies of the packets, as done in the past.

◆ **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Dale Pippitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Stark seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. (MDT)

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BOB SCOTT, CHAIRMAN  
IDAHO ELECTRICAL BOARD

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CHRIS L. JENSEN, ADMINISTRATOR  
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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