

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION
STATE ELECTRICAL COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF Colby Hodo, Licensee.	AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2025-04
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an administrative hearing in the above-entitled matter will take place on **May 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. C.D.T.** The hearing will be held via Microsoft Teams Conference Call, which may be accessed by using the link below (for both video and audio):

URL (for web browser):

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/221220962927927?p=bzZHM08lTyTzEfTAZT>

Meeting ID: 221 220 962 927 927

Passcode: Uu23cJ9

Alternatively, the hearing may be joined via conference call (audio only), by using the following login information:

Call: [+1 605-679-7263, 143939423#](tel:+16056797263143939423)

Conference ID: 143 939 423#

This hearing is being held pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction granted to the State Electrical Commission (Commission), under SDCL Chapters 1-26, 36-1C, and 36-16.

All parties and witnesses must be personally present on the Microsoft Teams Conference Call for the hearing unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

The Office of Hearing Examiners will preside over this hearing pursuant to SDCL Ch. 1-26D; however, the Commission, under its authority, will issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a decision.

The purpose of this hearing will be to determine whether the Licensee violated the following statutes and/or rules of the Commission: SDCL 36-1C-3, SDCL 36-16-27, SDCL 36-16-33, and ARSD 20:44:23:01.

The parties will submit all documents intended to be introduced as evidence to the Office of Hearing Examiners via email to SDOHE@state.sd.us and via email to the opposing party via email at least ten business days prior to the hearing.

Notice of the Commission's decision will be sent within 30 days after this matter is fully submitted to it, unless such time is extended by the Commission pursuant to SDCL 1-26-30.1. The decision based on the hearing may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court, as provided by law.

This hearing is a contested case as that term is defined in SDCL 1-26-1(2) and is an adversarial proceeding. Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing. If Licensee intends to be represented by an attorney, please inform the undersigned of your attorney's name, address, and telephone number.

If Licensee does not appear at the scheduled time of the hearing, the matter may be dismissed, or it may be decided based on evidence presented at the hearing.

Under the provisions of SDCL 1-26-29.1, the Commission may assess all or part of its actual expenses for this proceeding against the individual disciplined if this proceeding results in a decision unfavorable to the Licensee.

If you or anyone participating in the hearing on your behalf requires accommodations due to a disability, contact Pam Overweg at (605) 773-3573 and suitable arrangements will be made.

Statutes and Rules involved in this hearing:

SDCL 36-1C-3, SDCL 36-1C-8, SDCL 36-16-27, SDCL 36-16-33, and ARSD 20:44:23:01.

Facts that support Licensee's violation:

1. Colby Hodo (Licensee) was most recently issued an electrical contractor license on May 14, 2024.
2. On September 9, 2025, the Commission received a complaint against the Licensee. The complainant alleged that Licensee improperly hooked up a mobile home, sold and installed a faulty air conditioning system, and installed a faulty heating system. The complainant further alleged that Licensee was drinking alcohol or was under the influence of a substance while on the job, slept at the Complainant's residence, brought his minor child to the job site, and was frequently late or rescheduled appointments.
3. The program director of the Commission emailed the Licensee a letter on September 30, 2025 that enclosed the complaint, photos, and receipts. The program director requested Licensee respond to the complaint within 20 business days and no later than October 29, 2025.

4. Licensee did not respond to the complaint.
5. The undersigned attorney sent Licensee a formal complaint on March 5, 2026 and advised Licensee he had 20 days to respond, or April 2, 2026.
6. Licensee has not responded to the formal complaint.

Dated this 24th day of April 2026.

/s/ Jennifer L. Doubledee

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on April 24, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the following parties by the service indicated:

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