

Proposed Meeting Agenda - REVISED
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
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Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CST

- A. Call to Order
- B. Agenda
- C. Minutes of October 24, 2023
- D. Public Comment
- E. License Qualifications
- F. Fees for Reinspections and Requested Inspections
- G. Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as necessary
- H. Upcoming Conferences**
- I. President's Report
- J. Executive Director's Report
- K. Inspector's Report
- L. Adjournment

Sean Lyons

Pamela Overweg

Brent Schoulte

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
Microsoft Teams Meeting
October 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m. CDT

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Director Scouten called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Sean Lyons, Dave Eide, Doug Fuerst, Tor Sorlien

Members Absent: Rick Cronin, Russ VanDerWerff

Others Present: Pamela Scouten - executive director, Kenisha Ewoldt - senior secretary, Jerry McCabe - DLR Sr. staff attorney, Brent Schoulte - lead inspector, Rachel Dix - SDHBA

Tor Sorlien made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Eide seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

Dave Eide made a motion to approve the September 8 hearing minutes as corrected.

Tor seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Lyons opened the floor to public input. Rachel Dix spoke on behalf of the South Dakota Home Builders Association to invite members of the South Dakota Electrical Commission to their in-person meeting on November 2.

Director Scouten presented the board with the proposed application review process and answered questions from board members. The board discussed the process. Tor Sorlien made a motion to approve the proposed application review process. Dave Eide seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

Director Scouten presented the board with information on Demand Response Units (DRU) and SDCL 36-16-16(1). She asked for the board's opinions on whether or not the installation of DRU by the utility companies met the exemption. The board discussed the implementation of these devices by co-ops across the state for the last 40 years. It was the opinion of the board that the DRU meet the exemption under SDCL 36-16-16(1) as being involved directly in the manufacture and distribution of energy.

Director Scouten updated the board on the progress of the new database, the delayed rules packet, and the progress of the accounting reconciliation.

Brent Schoulte updated the board on the increase in permits and hopes to get an inspector hired in Aberdeen to help with the workload the inspectors are carrying.

The next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2024.

Doug Fuerst made a motion to adjourn the Commission meeting. Tor Sorlien seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was held. (Eide – Aye, Fuerst – Aye, Sorlien – Aye, **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

E. License Qualifications

We have had a request from someone who took the contractor exam in 2019 and scored an 80%. They are requesting now (October 2023) to receive an inspector license without having to retake the test.

Below is the administrative rule applying to examination for wiring licensure and I feel the commission should determine how that rule should be applied.

20:44:16:03. Examination for wiring license. The examination for a wiring license shall consist of written questions, composed and approved by the commission. The questions or problems, or both, shall be derived from the **National Electrical Code** and from state statutes and rules. The commission shall issue licenses to applicants who pass the examination for a license. **The license issuance process must be completed by the applicant within 90 days after notification of passing the examination or the examination is forfeited.** The passing score for an electrical contractor, Class B electrician, journeyman, or 501(d) electrician is 70 percent and the passing score for an electrical inspector is 80 percent. The commission shall notify applicants who receive failing grades that they are eligible to be reexamined in 30 days. An applicant who fails a reexamination must wait 90 days before being examined again.

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

Policy on requested and reinspections.

ARSD 20:44:20:10 provides:

Minimum fee for requested electrical inspections or for reinspections. A minimum inspection fee of \$75 for residential and \$100 for commercial installations for each inspection man-hour or fraction of a man-hour is charged for any requested electrical inspections or any reinspections to address corrections detailed in a report for a rough-in or final inspection.

Based on the above-referenced administrative rule, all requested or reinspections shall be charged the applicable fees as follows:

For each visit of an inspector to the installation:

1. Up to one hour: the full fee of \$75 (residential) or \$100 (commercial) is charged.
2. After the first hour, the fee for each additional quarter of an hour is \$18.75 (residential) or \$25 (commercial) and will be rounded to the nearest 15 minutes (1-6 minutes rounds down, 7-14 minutes rounds up).

Policy adopted _____, 2024.



Montana Department of Labor and Industry
State of Montana Electrical Board
NERA Business Meeting; August 20, 21, 2024
Helena, MT

Meeting Agenda

August 20th, 2024 (Meeting Location: 301 S. Park Ave, 4th Floor, Large Conference Room)

Attending by Zoom/Teams *insert virtual information*- Non-Member States Only

**Member States Must Attend In-Person.*

8:30 am- Welcome and Opening: MT DLI Commissioner, Sarah Swanson

8:45 am- Roll Call: Secretary, James Schmit, ND

8:55am- Call Business Meeting to Order: Chair, Scott Damerow, AK

**Approve agenda as presented. Action items not listed on this agenda shall be discussed and by a consensus of the membership, other action items may be added to this agenda.*

9:00 am- NERA Business Action:

- a) Elections of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Current Chair- Scott Damerow, AK
 - Current Vice Chair- Jerry Daniel, TX
- b) Nomination of Secretary
 - Current Secretary- James Schmit, ND
- c) Review and Adopt Updated By-Laws: By-Laws Committee- Charlotte Melder, TX, James Schmit, ND, Scott Damerow, AK, & Kelly Welsh, MT
- d) Other Business Action: Items added by consensus.

10:30 am- Break

10:45 am- NEC Code 2023: NFPA Guest Speaker, TBD

11:15 am- National Journeyman Examination:

- a) Psychometric Exam Development
 - Third party companies for consideration

- NERA role vs Individual State role
- Realities of Implementation

12:00 pm- 1:30 pm- Lunch on Your Own – local eateries suggestions in welcome packet; sign up for “Lunch with Friends”.

1:45 pm- National Master Examination:

- a) Psychometric Exam Development
- Third party companies for consideration
 - NERA role vs Individual State role
 - Realities of Implementation

2:30 pm- Break

2:45 pm- MT Building Codes/Permitting Presentation: Bureau Chief, Eric Copeland

3:15 pm- MT Registered Apprenticeship Program Presentation: Executive Director, Glen Disque, & Business Engagement, Mark Lillrose

3:45 pm- 4:30 pm – Mingle with Colleagues: Recruiting New States to Join NERA

- a) Benefits of Joining NERA Alliance
- Q and A with Non-Member States

4:45 pm - Review Parking Lot, Comments/Questions, Agenda Topics to Add for 8/21

5:00 pm – Adjourn.

August 21st, 2024 (Meeting Location: 1301 East 6th Ave, Capital Building, RM 152)

8:30 am- Double Tree Hotel Shuttle to Capital –meet by 8:20 am to be shuttled to Capital.

9:00 am- Welcome and Opening: MT State Electrical Board, Executive Officer, Kelly Welsh

9:15 am- Roll Call, Call Meeting to Order- Chair, TBD

**Approve agenda as presented; call for other action items to be added to action on agenda. Action items not listed on this agenda shall be discussed and by a consensus of the membership, may be added to this agenda.*

9:30 am- NERA Business Action: Continued from Aug 20

10:30 am- Break

10:45 am- NERA Business Action- Continued

11:15 am- Tour the Capital

12:30 pm- 1:30 pm - Lunch Hosted by MT State Electrical Board (Capital RM 152)

1:45 pm- New Business:

- a) Next Meeting; Virtual, February
- b) 2025 State Host; In-Person Meeting, Aug-Oct
- c) New Topics for Consideration
- d) Next Steps for Action Items; recap/to do's

3:00 pm – Adjourn.

3:15 pm- Meet to be shuttled back to Double Tree Hotel

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 REVENUE SUMMARY BY BUDGET UNIT
 FOR PERIOD ENDING: 12/31/2023

AGENCY 10 LABOR & REGULATION
 BUDGET UNIT 1036 ELECTRICAL COMMISSION - INFO

CENTER	COMP	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	
COMPANY NO	6503					
COMPANY NAME	PROFESSIONAL & LICENSING BOARDS					
103600080801	6503	4293800	PERMITS-EC & CBE	5,850.00	63,840.00	
103600080801	6503	4293801	PERMITS-HO	870.00	6,525.00	
103600080801	6503	4293802	PERMITS-FORM B	1,715.00	18,310.00	
103600080801	6503	4293804	EC LICENSE FEES	1,800.00	8,600.00	
103600080801	6503	4293806	JM LICENSE FEES	800.00	6,480.00	
103600080801	6503	4293807	AE LICENSE FEES	1,360.00	9,020.00	
103600080801	6503	4293808	IEC LICENSE FEES	160.00	480.00	
103600080801	6503	4293810	IJM LICENSE FEES	.00	240.00	
103600080801	6503	4293811	EC RECIPROCAL FEES	1,220.00	10,000.00	
103600080801	6503	4293812	JM RECIPROCAL FEES	840.00	5,200.00	
103600080801	6503	4293813	MAINTENANCE LICENSE	240.00	640.00	
103600080801	6503	4293814	EXAM FEES	1,320.00	10,220.00	
103600080801	6503	4293815	RE-EXAM FEES	180.00	780.00	
103600080801	6503	4293817	INSPECTION FEES	139,151.50	651,549.54	
103600080801	6503	4293818	RE-INSPECTION FEE	75.00	735.00	
ACCT:	4293	BUSINESS & OCCUP LICENSING (NON-GOVERNMENTAL)		155,581.50	792,619.54	*
ACCT:	42	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		155,581.50	792,619.54	**
103600080801	6503	4393200	ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY	100.00	1,230.00	
ACCT:	4393	PENALTIES (NON-GOVERNMENTAL)		100.00	1,230.00	*
ACCT:	43	FINES, FORFEITS & PENALTIES		100.00	1,230.00	**
103600080801	6503	4596110	MISC INCOME	.00	40.00	
ACCT:	4596			.00	40.00	*
ACCT:	45	CHARGES FOR SALES & SERVICES		.00	40.00	**
103600080801	6503	4920045	NONOPERATING REVENUES	.00	25,464.74	

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CENTER	COMP	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	
ACCT:	4920		NONOPERATING REVENUE	.00	25,464.74	*
ACCT:	49		OTHER REVENUE	.00	25,464.74	**
CNTR:	103600080801			155,681.50	819,354.28	***
103600080802	6503	4293816	UNDERTAKING FEES	450.00	4,050.00	
ACCT:	4293		BUSINESS & OCCUP LICENSING (NON-GOVERNMENTAL)	450.00	4,050.00	*
ACCT:	42		LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	450.00	4,050.00	**
103600080802	6503	4920045	NONOPERATING REVENUES	.00	3,564.74	
ACCT:	4920		NONOPERATING REVENUE	.00	3,564.74	*
ACCT:	49		OTHER REVENUE	.00	3,564.74	**
CNTR:	103600080802			450.00	7,614.74	***
COMP:	6503			156,131.50	826,969.02	****
B UNIT:	1036			156,131.50	826,969.02	*****

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
CASH CENTER BALANCES
AS OF: 12/31/2023

AGENCY: 10 LABOR & REGULATION
BUDGET UNIT: 1036 ELECTRICAL COMMISSION - INFO

COMPANY	CENTER	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	DR/CR	CENTER DESCRIPTION
6503	103600080801	1140000	540,973.28	DR	ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
6503	103600080802	1140000	170,450.12	DR	ELECT COMM-BONDING ACCT
COMPANY/SOURCE TOTAL 6503 808			711,423.40	DR *	
COMP/BUDG UNIT TOTAL 6503 1036			711,423.40	DR **	
BUDGET UNIT TOTAL 1036			711,423.40	DR ***	