

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRICAL COMMISSION
via Microsoft Teams and Conference Call
Thursday, January 8, 2026, 1:00 p.m. CST

Director Overweg called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present electronically: Dave Eide, Bob Jarding, Doug Fuerst, Carl Odde, Tor Sorlien, Stephen Burgess

Others Present: Pamela Overweg, Program Director, Jodi Aumer, Director of Professional Licensing, Brent Schoulte, Lead Inspector, Jennifer Doubledde, Attorney, Billy Schneider, Kim Swift, Ashley Flynn

Sorlien called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Fuerst made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Burgess seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED.

Eide made a motion to approve the October 9 and October 28 minutes as written. Odde seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Sorlien asked for Public Comment. Ashley Flynn addressed the commission regarding a complaint filed against licensee Colby Hodo.

Director Overweg reviewed the current draft of the Class B electrician bill with the board and informed them it would be SB 62 this legislative session.

The board discussed the machinery designation applications. Eide made a motion to approve all machinery designation applications in the packet. Jarding seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Overweg updated the board on the fee subcommittee, noting that the first meeting was held on October 21, 2025. The board has requested that Director Overweg draft a letter requesting that electrical contractors provide the commission with information on the dollars paid to the commission in inspection fees versus the dollars paid by the customer.

Jarding made a motion to enter executive session to discuss contracts and personnel. Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** The board entered executive session at 1:27 pm.

The board exited executive session at 1:49 pm.

Director Overweg notified the commission she was in the process of interviewing and hiring a new program assistant.

Director Overweg updated the board on the status of the billing reconciliation. The commission sent out final notices in November and plans to start sending accounts that have made no attempt to pay to collections in January.

Director Overweg asked commission members to help identify individuals with fire safety expertise who would be interested in serving as a board member for the Electrical Commission. Referrals can be directed to Director Overweg.

Schoulte updated the commission on the status of inspections, noting that things were going well. He also said there is one area of the state where he is reviewing the possibility of adding an additional electrical inspector.

Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fuerst seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The commission adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.

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