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Minutes of 01/24/2024

Board Members Present:	Rick Stark, Chair Greg Eagy, Vice Chair Casey Wilson Chad Fields Jim Swier Alex Owens Jeff Bradley Jim Marchetti Josh Madsen	Division Staff:	Amy Lorenzo, Executive Officer Lea Kear, Legal Counsel Gary Barnes Bldg. Safety Program Mngr. Renee Bryant, Board Support Supervisor Don Morse, Investigations Prgm. Sprvs. Brian Mulleneaux, Investigator Erin Einarsson, Board Support Specialist
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The Board meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM MT by Chairman Rick Stark.

APPROVAL OF 07/26/2023 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 07/26/2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 11/08/2023 MEETING MINUTES

The following changes to be made to the minutes: 1) Page 2, NEC, second sentence, change “maintain” to “remain”, the sentence to read in part, “...remain current...”; 2) Page 2, NEC, second paragraph, change “AFCI” to “GFCI”; 3) Page 2, NEC, second paragraph, change “dishwasher” to “appliances”; 4) Page 2, 2023 Financials, add discussion re: \$900k and “action item to the January 2024 meeting agenda”; and 5) Page 3, 2023 NEC Code Adoption Process, change “...not addressed at...” to “...discussed throughout...”.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 11/08/2023 meeting minutes with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Limited License for Elevators: Based on Governor Little’s [Executive Order 2019-01](#), Licensing Freedom Act of 2019, DOPL allows reciprocity for elevator installers to receive a limited license in Idaho. Building Safety Program Manager Gary Barnes brought forth the question of using the National Elevator Industry Educational Program (NEIEP) exam in lieu of the in-house examination.

The Board requested an outline of the differences between the NEIEP and the State of Idaho exams, specifically ensuring that the electrical training components of the NEIEP exam are sufficient to allow reciprocity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – APPLICATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Motion to Enter into Executive Session: A motion was made and seconded for the board to enter into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. Roll call vote: Chairman Stark-aye, Vice Chairman Eagy-aye; Board Member Marchetti-aye; Board Member Wilson-aye, Board Member Madsen-aye, Board Member Owens-aye, Board Member Fields-aye, Board Member Swier-aye, and Board Member Bradley-aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Exit Executive Session: A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously. The Board was consulted by DOPL staff as subject matter experts. DOPL did not ask the Board to take any action on the application(s) or discipline.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Legislative Update: On January 23, 2024, Executive Officer Amy Lorenzo was invited by the Idaho House Business Committee to make a preliminary presentation on the Proposed Rules of the Idaho Electrical Board including clarifications behind any exceptions or exemptions that were made to the 2023 NEC. There were significant questions about ARC Fault, GFCI and Continuing Education.

A formal presentation to the Idaho House Business Committee will be made on January 31, 2024, to review the proposed changes in its entirety. This will include sharing the negotiated rule-making process and the public comments the Board received that contributed to their decisions on exemptions. Further information will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Financial Update - Launch: Executive Lorenzo addressed the Financial Report; specifically, the Division's 5-Year Financial Projection. The Board's restricted fund currently has a cash balance close to 136% of annual operating costs, with fines collected over the past five fiscal years in the amount of \$250,000. DOPL has recommended these funds be transferred to the Adult Launch program for education.

DOPL is continuing to examine the Board's financial data and will report again at the next board meeting.

NASCLA Update: NASCLA is currently being reviewed by the DOPL legal team. Updates on the potential rollout will be presented at the next board meeting. The Board received reports in previous meetings on testing institutions including total numbers of test takers and pass rates and has requested that DOPL continue to provide that information.

Notice of Violation (NOV) Report: The NOV Report, 2/1/2023 to 1/18/2024, was provided.

Public Comment: Public comments were made throughout the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

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