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Minutes of 04/26/2023

Board Members Present: Rick Stark, Chair
Casey Wilson
Josh Madsen
Jim Swier
Chad Fields

Division Staff: Michael Hyde, Executive Officer
Yvonne Dunbar, Legal Counsel
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Sam Zahorka, Building Prog. Mgr.
Jeana Graff, HR Specialist
Renee Bryant, Board Support Super.
Miah Ellett, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Greg Eagy
Jim Marchetti

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MT by Chairman Rick Stark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 02/15/2023 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Board Training – Respectful Workplace: Human Resource Specialist Jeana Graff presented Respectful Workplace training.

Finance Report: Executive Officer Michael Hyde addressed the Board’s third quarter financial report.

2018 Energy & Building Code Discussion: The Idaho Building Code (BLD) Board is currently going through Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR) and has asked Mr. Hyde to contact the boards impacted as it pertains to the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback to Mr. Hyde for the BLD Board to evaluate. Mr. Hyde provided an overview of where in the codes it may impact electrical installations.

Jurisprudence Exams: In the 2023 Legislative Session, House Bill (HB) 74 was introduced; creating a universal work recognition licensure pathway for individuals with four years of work experience in the military or another state that does not require a license to work, but for which Idaho uses a license to regulate that profession or occupation. The applicant with experience must pass the standard competency examination established by the licensing board as a basis for qualifying for licensure. Therefore, effective July 1, 2023, the Board’s journeyman, master, and

contractor exam questions, based on statute and rules not pertinent to code amendments, must be removed.

Electrical Contractor Exam: Currently, the Electrical Contractor Exam is based on electrical statute and rules. With the passing of HB 74, Universal Licensure, the Board was asked to revert back to the Contractors Business and Law Reference Manual, which is solely based on business practices in Idaho.

A motion was made and seconded to revert back to the Idaho Contractors Business and Law Reference Manual; testing on business rules only. The motion carried unanimously.

2023 Legislative Session - House Bill 337 Discussion: At the 2023 Legislative Session, the Electrical Board's proposed rule changes, based on ZBR, were reviewed, and approved with the exception of continuing education units, 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) and ratio supervision. Mr. Hyde provided a high level summary of HB 337. Temporary rules were established on March 28, 2023.

2023 National Electrical Code Discussion: The Board will be directly involved in the conversations and evaluation of the 2023 NEC. Any discussions, code collaboration, or decisions will be made by the Board in board meetings. Copies of significant changes were provided to the Board.

Public Comment: Stakeholders and educators asked questions, and/or provided comments on the temporary rule, two-year residential electrician program, 2023 NEC, and negotiated rulemaking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.