

North Dakota State Electrical Board Minutes

January 10, 2024

The North Dakota State Electrical Board met January 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by President Rodney Mayer at the Electrical Board Offices at 1929 N. Washington St., Ste A-1, Bismarck, North Dakota after the NDSEB Public Hearing which started at 8:30am. Members Present: Rodney Mayer, Paul Durbin, James (Jim) Brandenburg and Christina Roemmich. Members Absent: Gerald “Poke” Buck. Also Present: James Schmidt, Executive Director; Scott Porsborg, Special Assistant Attorney General; Anna Heinen; Paula Glass; and Clay Nagel, IBEW.

Mr. Schmidt talked about the new apprenticeship application from Kaleb Witt. Schmidt pointed out that the documents from Mr. Witt included felony convictions.

(Allison Carlson enters meeting)

Brandenburg asked Mr. Porsborg about precedents in regards to Witt’s felonies and possible probation. Mr. Porsborg discusses how the Board handled past instances and the language in the Statutes. The Board continues to discuss the options of tabling the discussion until next Board meeting as to give it time to get more information from the Courts and the option of having Mr. Witt appear before the Board to discuss his application. The Board also discusses any repercussions to Witt from the Board holding off on its determination until the next meeting on January 24th. Mr. Mayer asked if the Board if it would like Witt to appear in person at the January 24th Board meeting and the consensus was “No”. The Board decided to hold its determination until the January 24th meeting.

Mr. Schmidt introduces the new members of the Electrical Board office staff. Allison Carlson started employment January 8, 2024, as a full time Administrative Assistant. She is currently training with Paula Glass. Carlson introduced herself to the Board. Schmidt also stated they hired a part-time CPA, Lacey Eastgate who also started January 8, 2024, and will be working with the board’s finances. Schmidt stated that Lacey will be at the January 24th Board meeting to introduce herself. Schmidt again reiterated that Paula Glass will be retiring on January 19th and thanked Paula for her years of service and will continue as a part time employee to continue training the new hires.

Durbin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roemmich seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held January 24, 2024, at 8:30am in the NDSEB conference room.

The Board adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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Rodney Mayer, President

Paul Durbin, Secretary