

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF ELECTRICAL APPEALS**

April 9, 2013 - 3:00 p.m.

**METROPOLITAN AREA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
SEDGWICK COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
1144 SOUTH SENECA
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members: Cole Hawkins, Mike Kilian, Richard “Butch” Kretchmar, John Murrell, Tony Naylor, Ernie Nelson, Brad Ragland

Present: Ragland, Hawkins, Murrell, Naylor, Nelson. Kretchmar came in at 3:07 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Kerschen, Bud Lett, Chris Nordick (MABCD), Jeff Vanzandt (City Law Dept) & Justin Waggoner (Sedgwick County Law Dept)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ragland at 3:00 p.m.

Board Member Naylor made a motion to approve the March 12, 2013 minutes. Board Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6 - 0

There was no one present asking to speak on the public agenda.

The recent examination results from Prometric and ICC for electrical examinations administered by their office for Metropolitan Area approved applicants were presented to the Board. The results were as follows:

APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT NUMBER	EXAMINATION CLASSIFICATION	EXAMINATION RESULT
William Wright	7820	Master	Failed
Dorian Burke	SG	Master	Failed
Joseph Escalada	SG	Master	Failed
Andrew Picek	5813	Journeyman	Failed
Jason Urban	8452	Journeyman	Failed
Skylar Helsel	SG	Journeyman	Failed
Zachary Klein	SG	Journeyman	Passed
Vernon Myers	SG	Journeyman	Failed
Randy Cavanaugh	3026	Residential Wireman	Failed

Five (5) Master and Seven (7) Journeyman Electrician applications were reviewed for approval to be administered the appropriate examination for certification. The results were as follows:

NAME	NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION	ACTION
Austin Robert	7554	Master	Approved
Steve Kingsley	5985	Master	Approved
Jeramy Grantham	2833	Master	Approved
Dorian Burke	SG	Master	Approved
Joseph Escalada	SG	Master	Approved
Wesley Reeves	8143	Journeyman	Approved

Levi Nachbor	9588	Journeyman	Approved
Randy Cavanaugh	3026	Journeyman	Approved
Andrew Picek	5813	Journeyman	Approved
Skyler Helsel	SG	Journeyman	Approved
Zachary Klien	SG	Journeyman	Approved
Vernon Myers	SG	Journeyman	Approved

Two (2) new Electrical Contractor Licenses were issued as follows:

QUALIFIED PERSON	COMPANY NAME
Timothy Gaynor	Gaynor Electric
Koehn Weldon	Koehn Electric

Unfinished Business

The Board was presented with the current electrical permits used by the City of Wichita and by Sedgwick County for comparison. Mr. Kerschen explained this is their opportunity to design a permit that they would like to see that is easy to fill out, but yet gives information on the type of work that is to be done. Board member Kretchmar made a motion for action to be postponed until the next meeting so the Board members can get input from other electrical contractors. Board member Naylor seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6 - 0

New Business

The Board was giving a copy of Section 110.26 of the 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC) and a copy of Figure E3405.1 of the 2012 International Residential Code and was asked to make a formal interpretation of the requirement of working clearance in front of electrical equipment. Board member Naylor made a motion that the interpretation of working clearance in front of equipment is the space starting at the front of the equipment and that space is from the grade, floor or platform to a height of 6 ½ feet or the height of the equipment, whichever is greater as per figure E3405.1. Board member Kretchmar seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6 - 0

The Board then discussed in great detail if the 2011NEC working clearances in front of panels is best to service the needs of the public. The members felt that in some situations the NEC was restrictive to the point of being a nuisance. Board member Naylor made a motion that an exception to the NEC added to the electrical resolution to allow in one- and two-family dwellings service panels located in garages or basements a footing or stem wall that is located below the electric panel shall be permitted to extend not more than 12 inches beyond the front of the electric panel. Board member Kretchmar seconded the motion. The motion carried. 6 - 0

With no other business to discuss, Board Member Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Naylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.