

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

August 13, 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: Kilian, Kretchmar, Murrell, Naylor, Nelson, Ragland

Staff Present: Chris Nordick, Bud Lett, Elaine Hammons (MABCD); Jeff Vanzandt (City Law Dept); Justin Waggoner (Sedgwick County Law Dept)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ragland at 3:02 p.m.

Board Member Kilian made a motion to approve the June 11, 2013, minutes. Board Member Naylor seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Board Member Murrell was not present for this vote.)

John Belford, Belford Electric, Inc., requested the opportunity to speak on the Public Agenda. Mr. Belford distributed copies of a drawing of an electrical installation at the Mercedes/Lexus dealership on North Greenwich Rd. He explained that at the onset of the job, his company was asked not to have any exposed conduits in the garage area in order to prevent dealership employees from hanging grease rags on it. To eliminate conduit surface-mounted on the wall, the conduit was installed under the slab, across the top of the footing, then upwards in an eight-inch concrete block wall; it then comes out of the wall at about four feet. Early in the job, the electrical inspector advised that the conduit had to be down 24 inches if there was not adequate ventilation. After checking the mechanical plans, the electrical contractor noted that there are two exhaust fans in the main large shop (approximately 7,000 sq. ft.) and in the smaller shop (2,500 sq. ft.). Believing that the ventilation was adequate for the installation of the conduits, an electrical inspection was requested. The inspection was turned down because the conduit was not 24 inches below the slab. Mr. Belford asked that the Board provide an explanation for the 24-inch dept requirement.

It was agreed by the Board that Mr. Nordick would investigate the requirement and he or Mr. Kerschen would present the findings to Mr. Belford.

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

APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT NUMBER	EXAMINATION CLASSIFICATION	EXAMINATION RESULT
Curtis R. Mitchell	9596	Master Electrical	Pass
Hesiquio J. Bowers	0377	Journeyman Electrical	Fail
Randy D. Cavanaugh	3026	Journeyman Electrical	Fail
Conley A. Oldham	0232	Journeyman Electrical	Pass
Andrew W. Picek	5813	Journeyman Electrical	Fail

Chris Crombie	7674	Journeyman Electrical	Fail
Corey J. Donohue	3334	Journeyman Electrical	Fail
Charles R. Prior, Jr.	2344	Journeyman Electrical	Fail
Andrew W. Picek	SG	Journeyman Electrical	Fail
Joseph P. Wood	SG	Journeyman Electrical	Pass

Eight (8) Master, ten (10) Journeyman Electrician, one (1) Residential Wireman, and one (1) Elevator Electrical applications were reviewed for approval to be administered the appropriate examination for certification. The results were as follows:

NAME	NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION	ACTION
Jody Olsen	8428	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Royce Ramsey	3499	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Jason Bryan	7416	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
John Cushenbery	7168	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Sidney Brown	9264	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Jeramy Grantham	2833	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Austin Snook	6043	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Jacob Sharp	1447	Master Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Hesiquio Bowers	0377	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Charles Prior, Jr.	2344	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Randy Cavanaugh	3026	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Andrew Picek	5813	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Andrew Picek	SG	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Chris Crombie	7674	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Joseph Wood	SG	Journeyman Elec.	<u>Approved</u>
Wesley Reeves	8143	Res. Wireman	<u>Approved</u>
Ricardo Lopez	9459	Elevator Elec.	<u>Denied</u>

There were no new Electrical or Elevator Contractor Licenses issued.

Unfinished Business

Staff presented the Board with Sec. 4.2.230 of the Unified Code, which currently applies only in the jurisdiction of the City of Wichita, for its review and possible recommendations of unifying the requirement for both the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County.

The section was based on a change of requirements in the mechanical code. The concern was that the ptac units might become a primary source of heat in a large number of dwellings, particularly rental properties.

After a lengthy discussion, which included concerns about changes to the ptac unit cord and plug by untrained maintenance staff in hotels/motels and extended stay facilities, it was decided that the review should be continued at the next meeting.

Board Member Kretchmar made a motion to table the discussion until the September meeting. Board Member Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Jeff Van Zandt advised that any Board decision on licensing issues that might be presented to the Board would no longer be appealed to the City Council. All appeals of Board decisions would be taken to the District Court for review. He also asked the Board to give consideration to allowing license holders who wish to be in an 'inactive' status be allowed to renew the license with the activation based upon getting the required CEU's and insurance.

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 3:50 p..m.