North Dakota State Electrical Board Minutes

May 20, 2026, Board Meeting

The North Dakota State Electrical Board meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by President Rodney Mayer at the Electrical Board office at 1929 N. Washington St., Ste A-1, Bismarck, North Dakota. Members Present: Rodney Mayer, Jesse Larson, James Brandenburg, Gerald “Poke” Buck and Christina Roemmich. Also Present: James Schmidt, Executive Director; Scott Porsborg, Special Assistant Attorney General; Anna Jellesed; and BSC Personnel Mandi Eberle, Kristi Weikum, Vance Vesey, and Brad Steier.

Mayer reviewed the agenda and asks if anyone has anything to add. James adds Silicon Plains, changes to the employee manual, and Mayer’s video.

James states that Chris Glenn will not be at the meeting, but the Board still needs to discuss it. Buck makes a Motion to approve the consent agenda. Brandenburg seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board watches the video from Mayer.

Adam Kidwell enters the meeting.

Chris Glenn (not present) James tells the Board about Glenn’s Cease and Desist and since he can’t make the meeting today, he suggests the Board send a strongly written letter regarding his wiring corrections and request his appearance at the July meeting. Mayer asks about Glenn’s Counsel. The Board discusses and agrees to send him a letter.

Education Committee James tells the Board about BSC’s attendance at the Education Committee Meeting. The Committee finds their first year satisfactory and agrees to end their probation. The Committee also agrees to their second-year plan. James tells the Board that he believes the program is going really well. There are 18 students enrolled and 71 on the wait list for this Fall, with 27 on the wait list for the Fall of ’27.

BSC (Mandi Eberle, Kristi Weikum, Vance Vesey and Brad Steier present) James tells the Board about BSC’s program progress. James asks for a few different Motions. Buck asks about the ongoing audits. Mayer congratulates those present. Buck makes a Motion to take BSC’s 1st year electrical program off of probationary status. Roemmich seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Roemmich makes a Motion to approve BSC’s 2nd year electrical program application as submitted without a probationary status. Brandenburg seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Roemmich makes a Motion to approve NDSCS’s PEAP program and remove it from probationary status. Brandeburg seconds, Motion passed unanimously.

Vance Vesey asked about the NDSEB Scholarship. James tells the Board that since they are off probationary status the Scholarship would be acceptable for approval by the Board. Buck makes a Motion to approve the Board’s Scholarship Policy for BSC. Brandenburg seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Mandi Eberle, Kristi Weikum, Vance Vesey and Brad Steier leave the meeting.

Gunnar Roed enters the meeting.

James tells the Board that H&H's education program isn't approved and that they still have apprentices enrolled in the program. The Board discusses the situation. Roemmich asks James if they can reach out to the students, advise them of the situation and get them enrolled in a different program. James will look into contacting them.

James talks to Adam Kidwell about out-of-state guys enrolled in the PEAP program. James talks about not recognizing other state's training hours and that even if they complete the program the Board would not approve their application to test due to their incomplete hours.

Michael Fink enters the meeting.

Gunnar Roed (present) James tells the Board about Roed's appeal to the Board's denial for his Journeyman's reciprocal application from MN. Roed speaks to the Board about his reciprocity application and his background work with numerous electrical companies. James asks about his employment with Bergstrom and their IEC classes. Roed states that he was in their classes but didn't complete the final exam. James tells Roed about his options for his education credits. Porsborg reads the Board the Rule (p 25, middle of page/Second paragraph of Sub 2). James tells Roed how the Board acknowledges a reciprocity applicant's education and electrical hours. The Board thanks Roed for his appearance and reiterates to reach out to an education program and see what they can offer.

Gunnar Roed leaves meeting.

Silicon Plains (Michael Fink Present) Fink tells the Board about Silicon and its IT and Cyber Security offer to the Board. James asks the Board to review the proposed agreement. James talks about the Board's current contract with ITD. Fink talks about having to use a different domain as they cannot get access to the nd.gov domain. Mayer asks about Silicon's ability to forward the current domain to the new domain for a period of 6 months. Fink talks about their remote access ability for tech support. The Board talks about the pricing and asks about any hidden/additional fees. Mayer asks about any anticipated issues with the transition from ND's state agency IT company. Fink states that transition will take a few days to 1 week at most. Fink discusses the cost for hardware and the options for warranty and lease agreements. Roemmich makes the Motion to approve the Master Service Agreement per the Contract. Brandenberg seconds. Motion passed unanimously. Roemmich makes a Motion to approve the hardware fee for all employees to get new computers as per the quote, with James' final review and approval. Brandenburg seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Fink leaves meeting.

Board takes a break at 10:04 a.m.
Board reconvenes at 10:20 a.m.

Tim Krommenhoek Porsborg tells the Board about the status of Krommenhoek's licensure and the Fourth Informal Disposition and Probation Agreement. The Board discusses and reviews the Agreement. Buck makes a Motion to approve the Fourth Informal Disposition and Probation Agreement. Brandenburg seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

Shawn Owens (not present) The Board will only review if he appears at a meeting.

Administrative Rules James talks about the hoops they jumped through to get the amendments finalized. The Board has a June 11th appearance before the Administrative Rule Committee. Porsborg talks about the "fees" being a big issue at legislature, so some things needed to be tweaked.

Edward Harkness (not present) James talks about Harkness' application for reciprocation from CO. Roemmich makes a Motion to approve his application. Brandenburg makes second. Motion passed unanimously.

David Patrick (not present) No signed Agreement received and no issues to date.

Blake Lund (not present) James talks about Lund's executed agreement. Nothing is needed further from the Board.

Brett Whitaker (not present) James tells the Board that Whitaker agreed to take the test. Nothing is needed further from the Board.

Chris Haseleu (not present) James tells the Board about Haseleu's complaints with his home inspection. The issues are resolved and nothing is needed further from the Board.

Elevator Mechanic Supervisor James tells the Board that Wolfe Clark was hired as the Director of Elevator Inspections. He is set up in the system and starts June 1st.

Compliance Administrator James talks about the one interview held. The Board discussed the numerous questions and inquiries the applicant had. The interviewee didn't work out. James isn't in a hurry to hire for the position and would like to wait until the new Elevator Mechanic Supervisor is established to see if the position would still be needed at that time.

ADA Forms James tells the Board that the forms on their website need to be ADA approved by April 24th. James had a person working on them and in the interim, the deadline extended out a year. James confirmed the forms on our website are currently ADA compliant.

NDAB Spring Meeting, James tells the Board about his presentation at the Association of Builders meeting. At this meeting is where the applicant Wolfe Clark came up for the Elevator Mechanic Supervisor.

Truck Signs James tells the Board about the magnetic signs ordered for the trucks, are requirement at the data center projects. The signs did not stick to the doors of the trucks, due to them being aluminum doors. Janel laminated signs to be placed in the windows instead.

Board Member James tells the Board that Ottertail Power is the next company to replace Jon Hoffman's position. James has reached out to them, and they chose Dale Rubish to sit on the Board on their behalf. James sent a nomination to the Governor for approval. The Board unanimously thanks Jon Hoffman for his years of service.

SB 2308 Task Force James attended the meeting on May 5th and discussed the Board's work. The task force asked if the Board could take absorb other Boards or join other Boards and James turned them down. The Task Force approved the NDSEB to continue work as is.

Employee Handbook James talks about the changes to the Employee Manual that he wants the Board to review. On page 5, under Employee – Employment Classifications, he wants to change the rounding of hours from the "nearest quarter hour" to "nearest half hour". On page 12, under Annual Leave, he wants to add "and will be paid out according to time off requested". The Board was fine with the amendments.

Reporting System James tells the Board about the complications with ITD and the new reporting system. James asks for a Motion to approve the IMS solution pending final approval from OMB procurement and ITD. Roemmich makes a Motion upon approval with OMB that James moves forward with the alternate procurement. Buck seconds. The Motion was discussed and "…procurement and ITD" verbiage was added. The Motion now reads Motion upon approval with OMB procurement and ITD that James moves forward with the alternate procurement. Buck seconds the amended Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Scott entered the meeting.

Scott tells the Board about the CU classes beginning this week. Scott talks about the fire at the Ramada, and the CU classes have been moved to Baymont in Mandan. Scott talks about the attendance numbers. Scott talks about the Marketplace for Kids and the kits they used with 4-6th graders. Proctoring exams are going well and his work on the exam banks.

Doug enters the meeting.

Doug tells the Board about the 7,460 active certs- which is low. He says the projects are large so it may balance out. Williston has the largest active certs at 1,150. Shawn is up there helping with inspections. Williams County is busy and Kevin in the Minot area has 700 certs. MHA certs in 2026 are at 59 and 495 in total since starting. Self-wires are at 9 certs for the year. Assigning inspectors to carnivals that are scheduled throughout the State are going well. James talks about conversations with the district inspectors he had while Doug was out and tells the Board how those conversations went and the request to work additional hours in the western half of the State to get caught up with their high volume of certs/inspections.

Brandenburg asks about the outstanding SKIDS and James states that Allison has been working on the list of SKIDS with outstanding fees and corrections and following up with the contractors. James tells the Board that Kendrick inspects a high volume of SKIDS in the oil field.

Scott and Doug leave the meeting.

Mayer states the next Board meeting is July 15th.

NDSCS James tells the Board they received a thank you letter for the scholarship.

Buck makes a Motion to adjourn. Brandenburg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Rodney Mayer, President James Brandenburg, Secretary