

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title:

Appoint Jon Coulimore and Greg Kohn to the Electrical Code Board of Appeal to first 3-year terms to expire September 19, 2020.

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Presenter name: Terry Whitehill

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This appointment will fill two positions on the Electrical Code Board of Appeal as required by Portland City Code Title 26.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The Board appointments are citizen-volunteer positions, so no revenue or expenses are incurred by these positions.

Community impacts and community involvement:

There has been active on-going recruitment for members and alternate members of the Electrical Appeal Board. Past Board members notified their constituent groups of the vacant positions, and BDS included information about the vacancy in multiple issues of its *Plans Examiner* newsletter. The *Plans Examiner* is widely distributed electronically to BDS customers and stakeholders, as well as, neighborhood associations and community groups. A link to the Plans Examiner is available on the BDS website. An interested applicant files an application for membership with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). Once ONI receives the applications and conflict of interest forms, it forwards those documents to Terry Whitehill in BDS for review.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

☐ YES: Please complete the information below.

☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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August 15, 2017

Terry Whitehill
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Dear Mr. Whitehill:

I am writing to express my interest to serve as a member of the Electrical Code Board of Appeals. I am confident that my experience working with various committees serving the electrical industry qualifies me for consideration, as does my familiarity with national, state, and local electrical code.

I have been an electrical contractor for 21 years and have instructed electrical apprentices at the Area 1 Inside Electrical JATC in Portland, Oregon since 1996. I have also served on the Committee for the Area 1 JATC both as a member and as Chairman. As an electrical continuing education provider for Jon Coulimore Education, and as an instructor for the Oregon LBME JTC, I have experience teaching electricians and apprentices of various license classifications in all aspects of electrical installations with an emphasis on Code.

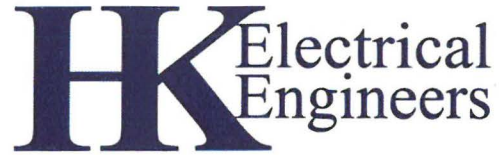
I served on the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code Review Committee in 2017 and am currently an alternate for the NFPA 70 Code-Making Panel No. 1. While my obligations take time, I am proficient at scheduling and am willing to travel to fulfill my commitments.

It is my desire to improve the industry of my profession. Electrical safety is of primary concern for my employees, for my students, and for the end user. I feel I am a good fit for the Big Board. I have proven myself to be reasonable and fair when dealing with committee issues, and I will be an asset to the Electrical Code Board of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Jon Coulimore

August 22, 2017



Terry Whitehill
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Mr. Whitehill

I appreciate and cannot express how honored I am that Brent Welland recommending me for the electrical engineers position on the Electrical Big Board.

In my 30 years as an electrical engineer I have been fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be the designer and engineer-of-record for many varying types of project. Some examples being new hospitals; light and heavy industrial facilities; military projects; restaurants; multi-housing; memory care; assisted living; agricultural grow facilities; criminal justice; and other project types.

I appreciate the difficulty and challenge of on-the-spot decisions that electrical inspectors have to make daily. Numerous times inspectors told me while they personally agree with the proposed method their hands were tied by the letter-of-the-code. The Electrical Big Board is a place where a proposed method can be evaluated based on its merit for meeting intent-of-the-code and not only the letter-of-the-code. And most importantly the proposal must be equivalent or better in meeting the primary purpose of codes which is protecting the public.

In the past I have challenge PGE on a ruling not supported by their published standard. The ruling had a very significant detrimental impact on owners yet had no safety value to PGE personnel or to the public. After writing and submitting a thesis to them on their ruling they backed off and reverse it.

If given the opportunity I will respectfully evaluate all proposals presented and analysis them based their merit in meeting the intent-of-the code and public safety. If they do not, I have any no problem saying no.

Gregory Kohn PE
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