



ELECTRIC LEAGUE
OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Codes and Standards Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Brook Walker

Rob Marks

Mathew McCormack

Tim Quiring

Dennis Straley

Chuck Murray

Dave Rankin

Steve Gale

Jimmy Matuszak

Steve Matthes

State of Washington L&I/ Dennis Straley

The department still has vacancies. A new qualification exam with a passing score is required before applicants apply to be an inspector.

Appliance manufacturers and standards organizations need more time to ensure compatibility with new GFCI protection for washer and dryer requirements, so L&I is delaying enforcement of the following until July 1, 2026:

1. 2023 NEC 210.8(A) and (B) for 250 volt receptacles for electric ranges, wall mounted ovens and counter mounted cooking equipment.
2. 2023 NEC 210.8(D)(8), (9), and (10) for 250 volt electric ranges, wall mounted ovens and counter mounted cooking equipment.

City of Bellevue/Chuck Murray

Steve Leighton is retiring this month. Chuck is acting supervisor. The department is running 6-8 weeks behind in plan review. The City of Bellevue has not seen an economic slowdown.

City of Seattle/Dave Rankin

Seattle Electric Code goes into effect on November 15, 2024.

There is a 3-day backlog on inspections. The department is down by three inspectors. The department target is next day inspections.

Lots of Energy Storage Systems are being installed. Seattle Fire Department and the City of Seattle want to know where installations are occurring.

The State has pushed for EV implementation, so the City of Seattle has changed the requirements for EV ready parking. This also coincides with the 2035 plan to eliminate gas vehicles.

Residential 20% ➡ 40%

Commercial 10% ➡ 30%

Larger projects are no longer coming through plan review. Extra large and small projects make up the bulk of inspections.

There has been lots of conversations about turning extended stay hotels into residential housing. Word on the street is there will be an effort to convert office space to residential housing as well.

Succession planning is currently underway in the department to account for retirement and illnesses.

Snohomish PUD/Rob Marks

The Boeing machinists strike is slowing down projects in the Everett area. Snohomish PUD is celebrating Public Power Week.

IEEE/Cameron Clark – not present

UL/Chris Jensen – not present

ELPN/Brook Walker

November 8 – Seattle Energy Code Updates, presented by Duane Jonlin

Next meeting Wednesday, November 13, 2024