

Board of Electricians
MINUTES
Public Session

September 12, 2023

I. Call to Order:

The regularly scheduled meeting for the New Hampshire Board of Electricians was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on September 12, 2023. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were;

Matthew Connors, Master Electrician and Chair
Michael Palmeri, Master Electrician
Henry Szumiesz, Journeyman Electrician
William Infantine, Public Member - Absent
Dexter Robblee, Public Member
Talia Wilson, Senior Board Administrator
Charlene Anstead, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel

Matthew Connors, Board Chair opened the meeting at 8:09 am.

Below are the times notated that the board took for break:

8:54am and returned at 9:11am

10:02am and returned at 10:14am

II. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Henry Szimiesz, the Board voted by unanimous roll call to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023 meeting as written.

On a motion by Henry Szimiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted by unanimous roll call to approve the minutes of August 9, 2023 meeting as written.

Motion to commence the first non-public session:

At 9:13 am on a motion by Michael Palmeri and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, electricians applications with irregularities and other Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 NH 574 (1978) and the Boards executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to keep minutes of the first non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Michael Palmeri, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its' respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his/her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to commence the second non-public session:

At 9:39 am on a motion by Michael Palmeri and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, electricians applications with irregularities and other Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 NH 574 (1978) and the Boards executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to keep minutes of the Second non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Michael Palmeri, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its' respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his/her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

III. Public Appearances/Adjudicative Hearings:

The below presentation was tabled due to scheduling conflicts to a upcoming meeting.

1. Hearing:

- a. Eric Gibbons – Jolt Electric
Hearing Officer – Shane Goulet

Hearing commenced at 10:11 am. Based on the request by James Madrid to have his testimony heard in non-public session, on a motion by Henry Szumiesz seconded by Michael Palmeri the Board voted to approve this request and hold hearing in a non-public session.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration updates:

None

V. Unfinished business

A. Education Committee

1. Sergi Yuresko, Apprentice #22131 – education review

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted to excepted foreign education and start apprenticeship in 3rd year, gave credit for 1yr/2000hrs on job training.

2. Todd Bedard – review of transcripts

Upon review of his transcripts, on a motion by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted that all education requirements are met and credit for 1yr/2000hrs on job training.

3. Monte Mason

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted to accept as a code update provider.

4. Darien Fleming

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Michael Palmeri, the Board voted credit for 2yrs schooling and credit for 1yr/2000hrs on job training.

B. Report from Fire Marshalls Office

Dean Sotirakopoulos reported that there are no scheduled updates, and he was unable to make the last building code subcommittee meeting although the hope is that year 2018 Energy Codes are kept. On a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Michael Palmeri, the Board voted to accept Dean Sotirakopoulos' code review report.

C. Prov Results review

Scott Johnston OPLC Chief Electrical Inspector reviewed the licensing test and advised the Board that the questions on the test are not code related. OPLC Operations Director Heather Kelley will update the Board at next meeting as to when the contract expires. The Board requested a copy of the test, including a copy of the contract that composes the exam. Heather Kelley and Inspector Johnston will be on site to attend a Prov test site. On a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted to accept and file results.

VI. Rules Review with Tina Kelley

A. Elec 100's

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted to adopt Rules 103.05, 104.02 and 104.03.

B. Elec 200's

On a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted to adopt 200 rules.

VII. Licensure Approval

None

VIII. New Business

A. Inspectors Report

OPLC Chief Electrical Inspector Scott Johnston gave the Board the September report. Inspector Johnston discussed with the Board that there are possible candidates that have responded to an open position at OPLC for an inspector at OPLC. Henry Szumiesz requested to be included and present in these upcoming interviews.

On a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted to accept the Inspectors report.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the public session at 11:11 am.