



Electricians Public meeting Minutes

Board of Electricians
November 7, 2023 at 8:00 am EDT
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

I. Call to Order:

The regularly scheduled meeting for the New Hampshire Board of Electricians was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on November 7, 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
Dexter Robblee, Public Member
Phil Bryne, Fire Marshall Member
Talia Wilson, Senior Board Administrator
Terese Barton, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel

Matthew Connors, Board Chair opened the meeting at 8:14 am.

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

10:03 am and returned at 10:13 am

II. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by William Infantine the Board voted by unanimous roll call to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023, meeting as written.

Motion to commence the first non-public session:

At 10:28 am on a motion by William Infantine 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 William Infantine and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, 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:

A. Hearing: Olsson 23-ELEC-018

1. Elizabeth Eaton – Board Counsel
2. Nikolas Frye – Hearing Officer
3. Shane Johnson – OPLC Investigator
4. Marissa Schuetz – Hearing Counsel

The hearing for Michael Olsson commenced at 10:15 am. Hearing Officer Frye reviewed the procedural matters and Michael Olsson was not in attendance. OPLC Paralegal Thomas Pappas reviewed attempts that were made to contact licensee. Hearing Officer Frye determined that proper notice was given and the hearing would commence.

Hearing Counsel Schuetz offered proof of summary of the incident and complaint. Chief Investigator Shane Johnson after being sworn in testified the complaint against Michael Olsson came to the enforcement division on December 14, 2022. Michael Olsson entered a contract with a homeowner who filed a complaint due to Mr. Olsson was improperly licensed as an electrician while doing an electrical installation. Olsson's license expired on October 12, 2022, and OPLC Investigator Shane Johnson stated that several attempts were made to contact the respondent. Hearing Counsel Schuetz recommended suspension or revocation of licensure.

The Hearing concluded at 10:26 am. Deliberations were heard in Non-Public session.

B. Leighton

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IV. New business

A. Education Committee

1. Course Approval

1. RocketCert, LLC

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted to accept the 15-hour code continuing credit hour course.

2. Bluevolt.com

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

2. Approval of Work Experience

1. Brian Hoyt

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted to count three years of military experience, and Mr. Hoyt will be required to pass the test for his journeyman's license.

3. Approval of Apprentices Hours

1. Dustin Brown

The Board reviewed the request to accept apprentice hours and was determined they can not be accepted per 304.01(a)(1) an apprentice is required to serve under a NH licensee. No vote required.

V. Report from Fire Marshalls Office

Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Building Code Review Board Update

2023 Codes are currently in the reviewing process, next meeting has been scheduled. Additionally, some amendments may be added.

VII. Prov Results review

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by William Infantine, the Board voted to accept and file the Prov results.

VIII. School Reports

None at this time

IX. Chief Inspectors Report

OPLC Chief Electrical Inspector Scott Johnston gave the Board the November report. Chief Inspector Johnston informed the Board that he had a meeting PROV and reviewed the relicensing exam and noted that the examination is open book test, allotting five minutes per question and a total of 25 questions that pertain to the general code. He also informed the Board that the MOU was sent to Fire Marshall Toomey and he is reviewing.

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

X. Rules Review

1. Elec 300 - Final Proposal

On a motion by William Infantine and seconded Henry Szumiesz the Board voted to accept the final proposal as amended with the below changes

In Elec 302.01(f) and (g) the board was changed to the OPLC and in Elec 303.01(g) OPLC was changed to The OPLC.

2. Elec 400- Final Proposal

On a motion by Michael Palmeri and seconded Dexter Robblee the Board voted to accept the final proposal as submitted.

3. PLC 313

Board Counsel reviewed PLC 313 licensure by endorsement. Counsel explained that states that fall under reciprocity currently and states approved from PLC 313 are very similar. She also further explained that there is no 600hr requirement in statute and that is why it is not mentioned in PLC 313. The Board requested that an extension to provide feedback be requested of Executive Director Courtney. Board Counsel will request that extension.

XI. Licensure Approval

None

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by Matthew Connor, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the public session at 11:05 pm.