



Board of Electricians Public Meeting

Electricians Board

Dec 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM EST to Dec 6, 2022 at 12:00 PM EST

OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on December 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Matt Connors, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine and Phil Biron, from the FMO. Not present was Mike Palmeri and Dexter Robblee. Also in attendance were Chris Horne and Shana Warriner from OPLC, and Attorney Sheri Phillips from the AG's office.

Minutes

I. Call To Order M. Connors called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda- W. Infantine made a motion to approve the agenda. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

III. Approval of Public Minutes- W. Infantine made a motion to approve minutes from the November 1, 2022, meeting. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IV. Public Appearances- none

V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates- Board would like to invite Director Courtney to come to the January meeting. Board has concerns overall with the OPLC strategic plan: Board members as consultants and not Board members. Staff doing the work. Boards job is to protect the public safety, why would we have a matrix of disciplinary procedures. This would not deter license holders to violate rules. Boards and Inspectors used to be able to do enforcement by education. The discretion was there now it is not there the OPLC has the discipline authority. The report is an obvious affront to Board members. The report is negating the authority of the Boards. Boards authority is important to keep. Most of the Boards at OPLC run very well, there are some Boards, why do we have. A one size fits all approach to the Boards will not work; we are all very different.

Board also mentioned to Lindsey the frustration of not being able to print from OnBoard. Board members should be entrusted with materials as they have always been in the past.

Board also concerned over providers submitting those who took Code Updates into MLO. This has worked well until 2020 Code.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Education Committee

1. Noel Lamothe- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Mark Hilbert- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. P. Biron seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Kim Good- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Mike Holt- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

5. Significant Changes to the 2023 NEC- Eric Batchelor- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

6. John Murphy, Jr.- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

7. Robert Delucia- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

8. George Fournier- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

9. Jade Learning- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

10. At Your Pace Online- tabled until next month

11. Fred Kelly- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

12. Fred Kelly- they are also in the process of submitting the 30-hr. continuing ed course

13. Maine Electrical Institute- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

14. Theo Ward- he had asked the Board to review his military education to find out how much time it would be worth towards the apprentice education. Upon review H. Szumiesz made a motion to accept his first year completed. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Building Code Review Board Report- meeting on Friday, Dec 9. Reviewing local amendments and will begin reviewing the amendments for the next electrical code in January. In the process of appointing new members. W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. Report from the Fire Marshalls Office- working with the Fire Control Board reviewing the NFPA and how it will affect NH. H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this report. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. Review of Prov Results- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. P. Biron seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

E. School Reports- have not received Dover's report. Will reach out again and if we haven't heard anything within 10 days. M. Connors will reach out to them.

VII. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics- the following topics have been tabled until the January meeting. Staff will invite Director Courtney to the Board meeting to discuss.

A. PLC 300 Licensing Initial Proposal Rules- trying to bring uniformity to all Boards

B. SB 330 Final Report- there are 3 bills that will come from this report.

C. RSA 319-C:10

VIII. New Business

A. Chief Inspectors Report- currently there is o Chief Inspector. OPLC is working on hiring. H. Szumiesz offered to help with the interview process. Inspectors are still meeting on a bi-monthly basis. Reviewing the document provided by Joe LeSage M. Connors noted inspections are down approximately 30 %. This is due to one less inspector.

B. Budget Information- W. Infantine spoke about how the legislature will be very slow this session because of the balance of power in the house being so close. He also mentioned to goal of OPLC is to not be a 125% agency, this serves no purpose to the licensees of the state when the money goes to the general fund.

C. Non-Public Session

** Motion (in public session) to move into Non-Public session per:*

*RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

** Roll Call Vote*

1. Motion to Enter Non-Public- W. Infantine made a motion to enter non-public session at 10:15 a.m. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Motion to Seal the Minutes from Non-Public Upon return to public session at 10:50 a.m. W. Infantine made a motion seal the minutes from the non-public session. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IX. Licensure Approval (if applicable)-none

X. Adjournment

A. Date of Next Meeting- January 10, 2023

B. Adjournment- H. Szumiesz made a motion to return to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.