

May 1, 2018

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on May 1, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members – Matthew Connors, Jack Grube, William Infantine and State Fire Marshal Representative – Sean Toomey, Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos. Also present: Max Schultz - Assistant Fire Marshal, James Grant – Building Code Review Board Representative, Jonathan Mitchell – IBEW, Jeffrey Sargent – NFPA, Steven Rancourt and Norman Wood - ECBA, Matthew Markham –Tesla Energy, Nathan Poland – Revision Energy

1. Hearings – none.

2. Reading of the minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting – Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the minutes.

3. Reading of Communications – HB 1327, regarding apprentice ratios – employment was amended to supervision will be effective on passage. SB 334, regarding 120 day temporary licenses – the first proposed amendment was to change back to the original bill affecting medical professions only, the second amendment would exempt licensing boards with reciprocity agreements and allow vetting of other states requirements before temporary licenses would be issued.

4. Applications for Board action –

- a. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Eric Bollman's new apprentice application.
- b. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to deny Brian Gaessler's exam application until additional information is received.
- c. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to deny Stephen Silva's new apprentice application until additional information is received.
- d. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Jonathan Larrabee's new master reciprocal application.

5. Requests for Board action –

- a. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve a settlement agreement with William Werle imposing a 6 month suspension deferred with 1 year probation reporting monthly on NH jobs.

6. Unfinished Business –

- a. Education Committee – The Committee recommended accepting Matthew Regan's schooling as meeting the High Medium Voltage education requirements. Infantine moved, Connors seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept Matthew Regan's schooling as recommended by the Education Committee.
- b. The Building Code Review Board – James Grant did not attend last month's meeting as there were no electrical issues. He will be attending this month's meeting.
- c. Assistant State Fire Marshal Max Schultz met with the Board to update them on changes in the Fire Marshal's Office. State Fire Marshal Degnan will be retiring July 6th and is currently out on medical leave. Max Schultz will be Acting State Fire Marshal until a new State Fire Marshal is appointed. Deputy State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey will be overseeing the Building Safety section and taking over as the State Fire Marshal's Representative

on the Electrician's Board. Assistant State Fire Marshal Schultz reported that HB 1254 on adoption of codes was sent to a committee of conference.

The Fire Marshal's office with assistance from the ECBA is offering free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through a grant which will be available until September for 1-2 family homes especially those with children or elders.

- d. As probation reports are due on the first of the month several have not been received yet but should be in by the end of the day. Infantine moved, Cicolini seconded and it was voted by all members present to be notified if the missing reports were not received by the end of the week and otherwise to accept the probation reports.
- e. The Prov test results were reviewed. The passed rate of the journeyman examinees has increased to 60% in the last month with the increase in time for the exam. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to all members present to accept the report.

7. New Business –

- a. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that the licensing subcommittee would be meeting here at the Board's Office at 11 am. He reported that invalid licenses were down to 1900. The rules changes, Elec 100's change in posting of notices and Elec 300's 3rd party approval rules were given to the Board for review. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to all members present to table the rule changes until next month so the Board can review the changes. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the Chief's report.

Box stores subcontracting to businesses to deliver purchased appliances who also install the appliance cords for electric stoves and dryers. The delivery people are not NH licensed electrician's and are not aware of the proper installation requirements or when outlets may need to be upgraded was discussed as there have been instances where people have been electrocuted. The Board's attorney said that the installation of portable appliance cords for electric stoves and dryers may fall under the Board's jurisdiction. A suggestion of an instructional bulletin on how to safely do this was suggested. We can send letters to the box stores but this does not get information to the installers that they hire or smaller companies. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to table until next month and ask the Boards' attorney to meet with them for discussion on this concern.

As requested at the last Board meeting chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that solar array project in Franklin has been under a local cease and desist order, with assistance from Inspector Torrasi, since December 2017 and the original contractor has since been terminated. The solar project in Hillsborough which the Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos along with Inspector Laurendeau have visited on a couple of occasions has stopped since the fall of 2017. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos will draft summary of their visit to the Hillsboro site.

- b. Upon the motion of Infantine and the second of Grube, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing matters that if discussed in public would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons other than a member of the body itself and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), (j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.
- c. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Infantine, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold/seal 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 render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

d. Date and time of the next meeting – *Tuesday June 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.*

8. Adjournment – 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Handwritten signature of Pamela Olin in cursive script.

Pamela Olin, Administrative Assistant