December 5, 2017

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on December 5, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members – Matthew Connors, Joseph Casey, Jack Grube and William Infantine, State Fire Marshal Representative – Matthew LaBonte, Division Director Linda Capuchino, Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos. Also present: James Grant - BCRB, Steven Rancourt - ECBA, Norm Wood, Jonathan Mitchell - IBEW, Matt Markham, Bill Fraser and Charlie Fritz.

1. The Board called to order a non-meeting with their attorney at 11:00 am. The non -meeting was adjourned at 11:30 and the public meeting resumed.

2. Reading of the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting –Grube moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the minutes.

3. Reading of Communications – None.

4. Applications for Board action –

a. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to table Doctor Home Service LLC' corporate renewal application until the missing information is received.

b. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Miguel Vazquez's apprentice application.

5. Requests for Board action –

a. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve a settlement agreement with Patrick McNulty/Industrial Power Group, 13789M / 0401T, which imposes a 6 month limitation requiring submission of monthly reports including location of NH jobs.

6. Unfinished Business –

a. Education Committee had no requests.

b. The Building Code Review Board – The December meeting was cancelled. The original amendment drafted by James Grant to change the reference in the Building Code to reference the current NEC will be presented at the January meeting.

c. LaBonte had nothing to report.

d. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the probation reports.

e. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the ICC test results

f. Steven Rancourt spoke regarding HB1327 proposing a change in the ratio of apprentices to licensees. The bill proposes allowing two apprentices to one journeyman and three apprentices to one master up to six masters on the job site. The Board discussed how a change of this nature would affect industry standards. The Board asked staff to find out the number of licensees in different age brackets and also the number of licensees actually living in NH. Infantine moved that the Board support the change in ratio for the journeyman to apprentice but not the change in ratio for the master to apprentice. Connor seconded and after much discussion it was voted 4 to 1 with Casey against supporting any change in the current ratios, indicating that increasing the ratio of apprentices to licensees would impact the safety of the consumer.

7. New Business –

a. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that the Committee for rules on 3rd party electrical inspections criteria had not included out of state licensees. It was recommended that the qualifications count out-of-state licensure as long as they have been licensed in NH for one year as well. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members to approve the recommended changes. Prov now has 7 exam locations in NH. ICC will return the state specific questions at the end of December. The Chief reported on HB 1254 establishing a committee to review codes being proposed for adoption. He also reported that the Conway P.D. would be provided the information regarding an unlicensed individual performing electrical installations for their consideration of prosecution . Casey moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the Chief's report.

b. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Casey, 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 Casey, 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 January 9, 2018at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.***

8. Adjournment – 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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