

April 3, 2018

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on April 3, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members – Matthew Connors, Joseph Casey, Jack Grube and State Fire Marshal Representative – Matthew LaBonte, Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos. Also present: Steven Rancourt - ECBA, Matthew Markham -Tesla, John Sloan, John Bagni and Ada Alfonso – MA Board, Michael Pomerleau and Jeff Bower.

1. Hearings – none.

2. Reading of the minutes of the March 22, 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 – no additional information. SB 334, regarding 120 temporary licenses – the hearing on this was packed, 2 amendments were proposed but neither has been posted. HB 1685 was inexpedient to legislate.

4. Applications for Board action –

- a. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Michael Pomerleau's new apprentice application with additional information that was received.

5. Requests for Board action –

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

6. Unfinished Business –

- a. Education Committee – no new requests.
- b. The Building Code Review Board – Committees are being set up to review the 2018 Building Codes with focus on the cost of the changes from the current building codes.
- c. LaBonte reported that Attorney Hiltz from Safety had attempted to contact the Chairman and would be in touch with him.
- d. Two probation reports not yet received. Grube moved, Casey 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. Prov has extended the journeyman exam time to 4 ½ hours and the master exam to 5 hours as previously allowed under ICC. Adding the changes to the NEC approved by the BCRB will be delayed until the end of June when the legislative session is done. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to all members present to approve the results and the changes.

7. New Business –

a. Discussions with Ada Alfonso, John Bagni and John Sloan from the MA Electricians Board included low voltage licensing and apprentice schooling. MA has a low voltage license which we are discussing. They require it for burglar and fire, thermostat and heating. They recommended defining the system and to tie it to the voltage. Their license does not include telecommunications or data. There is a question on 9 volt LED lighting. We have a high medium voltage license that MA is discussing. MA apprentices start losing their schooling after 6 years and have to completely redo their schooling after 9 years. They are discussing extending the number of years. MA currently has 35,687 journeyman licensees. Their 3 year license fee is \$78 for journeymen and \$117 for masters. The chair and chief inspector plan to attend the June MA Board meeting in Boston. They were also able to update us on some Rhode Island and Connecticut requirements. RI does their own test of 50 questions and requires 8000 hours practical experience and 600 hours of schooling. CT requires E2 (journeyman) licensees to surrender that license to get the E1 business license and if they do not pull permits within a certain period that license is cancelled.

b. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that the subcommittee on HB 1327 would be meeting here at the Board's Office at 11 am. He will have the monthly reports out by the end of the week. He reported that the Derry PD is investigating an unlicensed person doing electrical installations found by Inspector Laurendeau. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the Chief's report.

Box stores hiring unlicensed people to install portable appliances like stoves and dryers where outlets may need to be upgraded was discussed as there have been instances where people have been electrocuted. It was suggested a letter be sent to make the stores aware of their liability. An email has been sent to our attorney regarding this. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to table the issue until we hear back from the attorney.

Casey inquired about the solar arrays being done in Hillsboro and Franklin where the bonding is not being done on the racking but individually on each module. There is a letter from the manufacturer that it can be done this way. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos and Inspector Laurendeau have been to the Hillsboro site but not the Franklin site. The local AHJ has the authority to approve the installation but state inspectors cannot. Cicolini moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to have the state inspectors visit these locations.

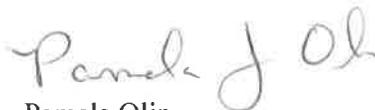
c. Upon the motion of Connors and the second of Grube, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing matters that if discussed in public would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons other than a member of the body itself and noting that such 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.

d. Upon the motion of Connors and the second of Grube, 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.

e. Date and time of the next meeting – *Tuesday May 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.*

8. Adjournment – 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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