

June 5, 2018

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on June 5, 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, William Infantine and State Fire Marshal Representative – Sean Toomey, Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos. Also present: James Grant – Building Code Review Board Representative, Jeffrey Sargent – NFPA, Steven Rancourt - ECBA, Matthew Markham –Tesla Energy, Nathan Poland – Revision Energy, Ada Alfonso – Massachusetts Board Director, Brian Gaessler – electrician and Chris Nicolopoulos – attorney. Joseph Casey was thanked for his 10 years of service on the Electricians Board.

1. Hearings – none.

2. Reading of the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting – Grube moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the minutes.

3. Reading of Communications – Correspondence from David Mendzela was read. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to have Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos follow up on the correspondence.

4. Applications for Board action –

- a. Infantine moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Justin Genest's new apprentice application.
- b. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Brian Gaessler's exam application.
- 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 Kelley Brown new reciprocal application.
- e. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Richard Metzler's new reciprocal application.
- f. Infantine moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to deny Loranzy Head's new reciprocal application until additional information is received.
- g. Infantine moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to deny Antonio Oquendo's exam application based on discrepancies.

5. Requests for Board action –

- a. Request from Kevin Delaney for his license to be reinstated. Grube moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to reinstate Kevin Delaney's license with the understanding that his probation will continue through January of 2019.

6. Unfinished Business –

- a. Education Committee – The Committee recommended approving Revision Energy’s apprentice school program. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept Revision Energy’s apprentice school program as recommended by the Education Committee.
- b. The Building Code Review Board – James Grant reported that the BCRD met on May 11th and ratified 3 adoptions. HB 1254 how codes get adopted – there is a moratorium until November 1st. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the report.
- c. The State Fire Marshal’s Representative Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey reported that they would be having a meeting on HB 1254 and he would let us know when. Monitored fire extinguishers will be going away. Smoke alarms are still available for residential homes. Paul Parisi has been nominated as the next State Fire Marshal. Infantine moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the report.
- 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. Connors moved, Infantine 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. One unclear question was found but did not affect the grade of the person questioning it. The question was clarified. Grube moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the results. PROV had a request to allow an interpreter or have the test published in a Spanish version. NFPA only has the NEC in the Spanish edition up to the 2014 edition and it would not be practical to have tests in every language an interpreter is the best option. Casey moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present with Infantine opposing to allow an interpreter approved by PROV who has no electrical knowledge, having a signature for security purposes, with the cost for the interpreter being paid by the examinee.
- f. The high school reports for Dover, Nashua and Pinkerton and the community college reports for Lakes Region and Manchester due at the end of the school year were reviewed. The MST high school report will be available for the next meeting. Grube moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the reports.

7. New Business –

- a. Executive Director Alfonso of the MA Board let us know that their next meeting would be in Boston on June 25th. Chairman Cicolini and Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos will be attending. Also they are working on lifting the sunset of school and work hours which currently start expiring after 6 years and changing it to 20 years from the current code but they would need an additional course on the current code. A sub-committee will be meeting regarding C& D license and the installation of thermostats. A plan and research committee will discuss licensing for tel-com. The MA Board has gone paperless as of June 1st notices only going out email. They will, however still issue licenses. At their last meeting they had 12 reciprocal applications from NH. They also have a team up dating their exam as they have not reviewed it for some time – the testing company just updating to the new code.
- b. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that the licensing subcommittee would be meeting here at the Board’s Office at 11 am. At their previous meeting they discussed power limited circuitry. The rules changes, Elec 100’s change in posting of notices and Elec 300’s 3rd party electrical inspections 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. They asked that the rule changes be emailed to them again.

The Chief reported that the Conway PD prosecuted Ray Estes, in the Conway District Court, who was fined \$650 for performing electrical installations without an electrical license and has 3 more charges pending.

He also reported that Maine statute requires licensees to notify them within 10 days of actions against their licenses in other states. The NH license look up now includes how the license was issued (exam, reciprocal, grandfathered) so licensees applying to Maine can print that rather than getting a certified statement.

Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos will be attending the NERA conference in Boise Idaho August 13-15. Counterfeit GFCI receptacles have been found. On the face of the receptacle the 's' at the end of the word "instructions" do not line up on the counterfeit receptacles. A link to the information will be posted on our website. A Generator Seminar given by the Granite State Chapter IAEE with the presentation by former state inspector Mark Hilbert will be held at the IBEW hall on June 21st. Ken Vallery and Al Torrisi are celebrating 10 years as state inspectors. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted by all members present to accept the Chief's report.

- c. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Infantine, 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 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 July 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.*

8. Adjournment – 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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