

October 2, 2018

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on October 2, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members – Matthew Connors, Henry Szumiesz, Jack Grube and State Fire Marshal Representative – Sean Toomey, Joe Shoemaker – OPLC Director, Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos and Electrical Inspectors – Kenneth Vallery, Denis Laurendeau and Michael Soucy. Also present: Steven Rancourt - ECBA, Jonathan Mitchell – IBEW, Nathan Poland - Revision Energy, Jeffrey Sargent – NFPA, James Grant, BCRB, Matthew Markham – TESLA and Kim White – electrician.

1. Hearings – Public Hearing for Rule Changes began at 10:00 am. Chief Sotirakopoulos requested additional language for 301.05 and 301.06 to define Level 1 and Level 2 requirements for 3rd party electrical inspectors. A letter from John Plourde asking about a grandfathering period for those who were currently doing 3rd party inspections but did not currently meet the qualifications. A 1 year effective date after adoption was suggested. The Board accepted all comments for the sub-committee to review and report back at the November Board meeting with the decision being tabled until then. The sub-committee was tasked with: making sure the term '3rd party' was correct, reviewing 155A:2 & 7 for any conflicts to approved third party inspectors, add existing installations to the types of installations, adding a grace period after adoption, check definitions reference for the IBC and IRC, and check if home inspectors or engineers are required to be approved. There were no public comments for the rule change to Elec 105.01

2. Reading of the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting – Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the minutes.

3. Reading of Communications – none

4. Applications for Board action –

- a. Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Anthony Ducharme's new journeyman exam application.
- b. Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Jeremy Morrison's new apprentice application.
- c. Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Sean Fennessey's apprentice renewal application.

5. Requests for Board action –

- a. Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to request for a hearing at the November 6, 2018 meeting for Joshua Lariviere.

6. Unfinished Business –

- a. The Building Code Review Board met in September and is moving forward to have committees renew new codes, currently Building and Plumbing Codes.
- b. The State Fire Marshal's Representative Deputy State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey reported that the Joint Committee on Codes is leaning towards requiring city /town code amendments to go through a neutral body like the BCRB or Joint Committee on Codes to be approved. Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the report.

- c. Cicolini moved, Connors seconded and it was voted on by all members present to notify Louis Lessard by email and by phone that proof of the completed schooling from the provider is required within one week or the board will go to the next step per the Decision and Order. The rest of the probation reports were approved.
- d. Grube approved, Connors seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the PROV exam results.
- e. Connors approved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the fall reports from Manchester Community College, Lakes Region Community College, Pinkerton High School, Nashua South High School and Manchester School of Technology with Jack Grube contacting the new Director Dover High School program for their fall report.
- f. Changes in the apprentice cards were discussed. The high school apprentices will now have numbers that end in H A and will expire on September 30th each year for tracking purposes. A regarding a high school student moving from an electrical high school program in CT (4 year electrical program) to the one in NH where his schooling has gone beyond the first year credited to the high school programs in NH. Pinkerton has an independent study program which could be tied to the electrical program for this purpose. Jack Grube will contact Pinkerton and see if this can be used for the student from CT.
- g. Connors approved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the interim rule.
- h. Connors approved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the initial rule proposal for and Elec 404.05.

7. New Business –

- i. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos' introduced the new electrical Inspector, Michael Soucy. The Board thanked Inspectors Kenneth Vallery and Denis Laurendeau and the Chief for their hard work as well as welcoming Inspector Soucy. There is consideration of a possible agreement between the DOS & OPLC to have the state electrical inspectors inspecting buildings, which received state building electrical permits, when needed. Grube approved, Connors seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the Chief's report.
- a. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Szumiesz, 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.
- b. Upon the motion of Grube and the second of Szumiesz, 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 November 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.*

8. Adjournment – 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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