

May 7, 2019

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on May 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Matthew Connors, Vice Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members –, Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Jack Grube and State Fire Marshal Representative – Mike Matthy and Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos. Also present: Steven Rancourt and Norm Wood – ECBA, Nathan Poland - Revision Energy, Matthew Markham – Tesla, Michael DeMeo and Kim White.

1. **Hearings** – none.
2. **Reading of the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting** – Szumiesz moved, Infantine seconded, and it was voted by all members present with Grube abstaining to approve the minutes.
3. **Reading of Communications** – Letter from James Saccoccia was reviewed. Teachers 'poaching' apprentices from another employer is not under our purview. A letter will be sent to the night program director of the school involved and the Dept of Education.
4. **Applications for Board action** –
 - a. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Peter Rojas' new apprentice application.
 - b. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Jeremy Barrows' new Journeyman renewal.
5. **Requests for Board action** – none.
6. **Unfinished Business** –
 - a. Szumiesz reported the Education Committee reviewed. Advanced Technical Schooling which will use the Mike Holt online program. ATS will take care of the administration of the program and the Mike Holt program is already used in the Dept. of Education live courses. Szumiesz moved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve Advanced Technical Schooling as a hybrid distance learning apprentice program.
 - b. The Education Committee recommended the re approval of the 30 hour apprentice continuing education courses provided by Jade Learning, IBEW Local 490 and Fred Kelley. Grube moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the 30 hour apprentice continuing education courses provided by Jade Learning, IBEW Local 490 and Fred Kelley.
 - c. Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that the Building Code Review Board had a special meeting on May 3, 2019 regarding HB562. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos had a conversation with the BCRB chair Shawn Bergeron regarding a request to form a sub committee to review the 2020 NEC. Szumiesz moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the BCRB report.
 - d. The State Fire Marshal Representative Matthy reported on a number of bills they were tracking and a possible amendment to HB271 regarding third party inspections for electrical permits issued by the fire marshal's office. Grube moved Szumiesz seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the Fire Marshal's report.
 - e. The probation tracking form was reviewed. Infantine moved Szumiesz seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the probation reports.

- f. Grube moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the PROV exam results and to have copies of the report available at the Board meeting for the public
- g. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported on the MA Board meeting that he and the Chair attended in March. All MA renewals this year will be online. Notices have been emailed and licensees can start the renewal process now. MA Director Alfonso and the Chair will be meeting with the ME Board to see if MA can start reciprocating with ME again.
- h. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported on the ME Board meeting that he and the Chair attended in April. In ME anything to do with PV installations requires an electrician's license. They are trying to change it to be less restrictive. In ME helpers have a 1 to 1 ratio however, with a Helper E it can be a 2 to 1. The problem being that their ID cards don't show whether they are a Helper or Helper E. Only those registered with the Federal Dept. of Labor have apprentice cards.
- i. James Grant's first term with the BCRB will be ending in June. Infantine moved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve James Grant for a second term if he wants to accept it.
- j. Law and Rule changes:
 - 1. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos updated the Board on HB112, HB562 and HB710.
 - 2. Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that we are waiting for a Fiscal Impact Statement back from Rules on the Apprentice Rule changes before we can set a Public Hearing date.

7. New Business –

- a. The Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that he will be able to attend the NERA meeting in Utah this August. There will be an IAEE Seminar on the 2020 NEC on June 6, 2019 in Concord. The Chief went to Danville to the site of the possible electrocution of an electrician. The GFCI protected receptacle where the heat gun was plugged into was working properly. It was possible that there was a medical condition that contributed to his death and they are waiting for the coroner's report. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the Chief's report.
- b. 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.
- c. Upon the motion of Infantine 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.
- d. Date and time of the next meeting – *Tuesday June 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.*

8. Adjournment –10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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