

June 4, 2019

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRICIANS' BOARD
MINUTES**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on June 4, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Matthew Connors, Vice Chairman Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Jack Grube and State Fire Marshal Representative – Sean Toomey and Chief Electrical Inspector – Dean Sotirakopoulos. Also present: Steven Rancourt – ECBA, and James Grant BCRB Representative and Bruce Wyman, Code provider for the Green Mountain Chapter of the IAEL.

1. **Hearings** – none.
2. **Reading of the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting** – Grube moved, Szumiesz seconded, and it was voted by all members present with Cicolini abstaining to approve the minutes.
3. **Reading of Communications** - none.
4. **Applications for Board action** –
 - a. Szumiesz moved, Connors seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Corey Ludwig's new apprentice application.
 - b. Cicolini moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve Mark Ferguson's new apprentice application.
 - c. Szumiesz moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve William Girard's new journeyman reciprocal application.
5. **Requests for Board action** – none.
6. **Unfinished Business** –
 - a. The Education Committee reviewed Jhevaughn Barnett's schooling recommending credit for year 1 of his apprenticeship schooling. Connors moved, Szumiesz seconded and it was voted by all members present to credit Jhevaughn Barnett with the first year of his apprenticeship schooling. Szumiesz reported that he was unable to get in touch with NFPA for the code update course he was reviewing and requested that this be tabled until he could get in touch with them. Szumiesz moved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present to table the NFPA request for approval for their 2017 NEC update course. Steve Rancourt volunteered to add the name of a high school apprentice looking for employment to the ECBA website to connect employers with potential apprentices.
 - b. The Education Committee reviewed Bruce Wyman's application for the 2017 code update with a request to be approved retroactively. After talking with Mr. Wyman and finding there were limited classes which were taught by him for the Green Mountain Chapter of the IAEL, others classes being taught by other approved providers, Grube moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted by all members present to approve the specific course dates which were discussed and Mr. Wyman is required to send us those dates within 14 days. Mr. Wyman also agreed to get in touch with the Vermont Board to see if they would be interested in reciprocating with the state of Massachusetts again. We have been working with the state of Maine facilitate reciprocity again between Maine and Massachusetts and would be willing to do the same for Vermont.

- c. James Grant agreed to stay on for another term as the Board's Representative to the Building Code Review Board. The Board's request for him to continue for another term was sent to the Building Code Review Board. Grant reported that at the last BCRB meeting they were discussing underfloor protection with an 18 month adoption delay of that protection with the adoption of the 2015 codes.
- d. The State Fire Marshal Representative Toomey reported on SB49 and how close solar installations can be to the edge of a roof. HB271 has been amended to allow state electrical inspectors to do third party inspections for electrical permits issued by the Fire Marshal's Office. Grube moved Connors seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the Fire Marshal's report.
- e. The probation tracking form was reviewed. Grube moved Connors seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the probation reports.
- f. Connors moved, Szumiesz 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. End of Year High School Reports for Dover, Nashua and Pinkerton were reviewed Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted on by all members present to approve the reports.
- h. Chairman Cicolini reported on the MA Board meeting that he and the Chief Inspector attended in March. The MA Board was reluctant to allow distance learning training for apprentices. Steve Rancourt reported that at the latest MA Board meeting it looks like they are down to 1 hold out towards the acceptance of distance learning apprenticeship schooling.
- i. Law and Rule updates:
 - a. PART Elec 105 Meetings, Deliberations and Decisions and Elec 404.05 Supervision have been signed and are official. Connors moved, Grube seconded and it was voted on by all members present and to adopt PART Elec 301.04 – PART Elec 304.05 regarding 3rd party electrical inspectors rules they have also been signed are official. Cicolini moved, Connors passed and it was voted on by all members present to schedule a public hearing for the Apprentice Rule changes for Tuesday August 6th at 9 am.
 - b. HB112 passed with amendment, HB247 was retained, HB259 enrolled hours, HB271 sent back to the House to approve amendment, HB303 remitted to committee, HB562 back to House for concurrence and HB710 passed.

7. New Business –

- a. The Chief Inspector Sotirakopoulos reported that he will be attending the NERA meeting in Utah this August. There will be an IAEI 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 Chief reported that the electrician in Danville who died may have had a medical condition that contributed to his death. The GFCI protected receptacle where the heat gun was plugged into was working properly. Inspector Vallery has put on 3 presentations for Fire Chiefs I various parts of the state regarding electrical inspections they may be required to do. Inspector Soucy is doing a program for the Building Official's Support Staff. Connors moved, Infantine seconded and it was voted on by all members present to accept the Chief's report.
- b. Upon the motion of Connors 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.

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- c. 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.
- d. Date and time of the next meeting -- *Tuesday August 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., 121 South Fruit St, Concord.*

8. Adjournment -11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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