

**Electricians Board
Public Agenda
September 1, 2020 at 9:00am
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301
Zoom Meeting**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on September 1, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Matthew Connors, Vice Chairman and Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Sean Toomey – Fire Marshal's Office representative and Chief Electrical Inspector – Michael Soucy. Not present was Jack Grube. Chris Horne and Joseph Shoemaker were present from the OPLC. Present as members of the public were: Nathan Poland, Steve Rancourt, Eric Batchelor, John Plourde, Norman Wood and Dean. Sotirakopoulos. Lauren Smith, Attorney Tom Broderick and Tina Kelley were also present for specific agenda items.

Prior to starting the agenda P. Cicolini read a state of emergency checklist for Zoom Board meetings. This document stated the meeting information and how public was able to access.

1. Hearings/ Interview/Meeting-

a. Lauren Smith, USDOL, Office of Apprenticeship- DOL has a program that is voluntary. They have industry recognized programs. In the past the DOL program put up too many roadblocks and the Board decided to break away from them. To review the information on the DOL apprentice programs a person can go to apprenticeship.gov. Lauren Smith is going to send the Board links to the RSA for apprenticeship programs in trade and industry and other links for the Board to be aware of. Also discussed was the DOE programs. Career schools must go through the DOE to be registered whether a program is eligible for a waiver or not. Board can continue to approve the education requests that come to them. The provider, once approved by the Board would need to reach out to the DOE. More information on the DOE requirements can be located on the Department of Education's website. L. Smith would like to be able to have the DOE work closely with the electricians to be sure the apprentices are being able to further their careers.

2. Reading of the Minutes of the July 27, 2020 Meeting – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2020 meeting. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes

3. Reading of Communications – none

4. Applications for Board action –none

5. Unfinished Business –

a. Education Committee –

1.ectricallicenserenewal.com-30-hour continuing ed, Mike Miller- pending more information.

2. At your Pace online-15-hour Code update- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

3. IBEW 1253/ Augusta Electrical JATC- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

4. Maine Electrical Institute- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. W. Infantine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

5. Nathan Hobbs-Schooling H. Szumiesz let the Board know he reviewed the courses Nathan Hobbs took at one college to make sure he was being placed properly where he is going to be attending college. H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the level 2 schooling. M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

b. Building Code Review Board Report – there was no meeting in August.

c. Report from Fire Marshal's Office – S. Toomey informed the Board of the Omnibus bill that was vetoed and some of the items that would affect the Fire Marshal's office. He is going to send the specifics to staff who will forward them to the Board members. Some rules that they had submitted have been finalized. These are available on the website. There has been no progress on the MOU as far as the Mechanical Board moving.

P. Cicolini made a motion to approve the Fire Marshals report. M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

d. Probation Reports –

1. August reports-noted

2. September Reports- review at October meeting.

e. Review PROV Test Results – Prov computer testing has been going well. The score average has stayed consistent with the paper exam testing. licenses have been happy that they are now able to test

f. Law and Rules updates- Attorney Broderick to discuss Background Checks and How to add them- Attorney Broderick and Tina Kelley discussed adding the background checks to the electricians applications. This is a statute change and would require legislative support. Tina will draft the language for the Board to review at the next meeting. A few of the Board members are going to reach out to some legislators to get a sponsor for the Bill.

P. Cicolini made a motion to have a draft done to include an FBI background check at initial application. This would have the paperwork and payment sent to the Board and staff would send it to be processed. M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

If the Board approves the draft at the next meeting there will be time to submit the Bill for the November session.

g. Informational Bulletin review- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve the Informational bulletin and to post it on the website. M. Connors seconded, all in favor and motion passes by roll call vote.

h. End of Year School Reports- next meeting, some schools hadn't decided what they are doing yet.

6. New Business –

a. Chief Inspector Soucy's Report – the Inspectors have had 9 complaints and 1 settlement agreement. Some complaints have been about retail establishments not using NH electricians. They have had an investigation at Lake Sunapee, they have been working closely with Eversource on. P. Cicolini made a motion to post a reminder on the website for people to post a sign that there is no swimming on a deck that has wiring / electrical at the dock. H. Szumiesz seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

M. Soucy will have a meeting with Prov on 9/23 and 9/ 24 to work on added 2020 code update questions to the exam. Questions on how this will be kept secure since it will be a Zoom meeting. In the past everyone had questions in hand to discuss.

The BCRB will be starting up the meeting to go over the 2020 code updates get closer to adopting the changes.

M. Connors made a motion to approve the Chief Inspectors report. P. Cicolini seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

b. Upon the motion of M. Connors and the second of H. Szumiesz the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 11:17 a.m. 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 return to public session at 12:15 p.m. P. Cicolini made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passed.

d. Date and Time of Next Meeting- *October 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.*

7. Adjournment P. Cicolini made a motion to adjourn at 12:16 p.m. M. Connors seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.