

**MECHANICAL LICENSING BOARD  
PUBLIC MINUTES**

September 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

7 Eagle Square  
Concord, NH 03301

There was a meeting of the Mechanical Licensing Board on September 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jesse Doucette. Also present were Robert Roy, Peter Kendrigan, Paul Perry, Steve Guercia, and Joseph Nash. Attending from the OPLC were Mechanical Chief Marc Prindiville, Inspector Aurelian Ricardo, and Shana Warriner. Representing the AG's office was Sheri Phillips.

**1. Approve August 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes-** J. Nash made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2022, meeting P. Perry seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

**2. Public Appearances** – Michael Stewart just wanted to let the board know that he will be submitting curriculum for the educational working group tomorrow for review and approval.

**3. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates** - None

**4. Old Business** – None.

**5. New Business** –

**a. Chief Inspectors Report** – M. Prindiville reviewed his report with the board.

**b. Email** – An email was submitted about Massachusetts plumbing license holders being able to get a full-service technician license with exam if they are licensed in MA. Standing order should cover this request.

**c. Scott Padden Email** – Looking for guidance from the board on a gentleman who was looking for accommodation for his test. The board wants S. Padden to request a specific accommodation that is required from the professional who did the first letter for him that was not specific.

**d. Standing Order Review** – The board reviewed a standing order that was created for approval process for MA journeyman applications to become NH Fuel Gas Service Technicians. J. Nash made a motion to approve standing order effective immediately. R. Roy seconded; motion passes with roll call vote.

**6. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics-** Update from the groups-

a. Rules Working Group-

\* Mec-100 – Final Proposal submitted to Admin Rules on 8/26/22 – No action needed at this time.

\* Mec-300 – Initial Proposal – Group will be meeting September 28, 2022, to finish up any changes.

\* Mec-400 – Board Review Draft Initial Proposal – Will review with changes during October board meeting.

\* Mec-500 – Fiscal Impact Request submitted 8/31/22 – No action needed at this time.

\* Mec-605.01 – Fiscal Impact Statement received – Board to schedule hearing date and time – The board will have a hearing October 12, 2022, at 9:15am

\* Saf-Mec 700 – Board Review Updated Initial Proposal which includes renewal of voluntary certification – J. Nash made a motion to approve as amended. P. Perry seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.

\* Saf-Mec 800 – Board to Review draft Initial Proposal – J. Nash made a motion to approve as amended. P. Perry seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.

\* Saf-Mec 900 – Board does not need this section. RSA 153:38 V. states “The board may enter into reciprocity agreements which shall permit the licensing of fuel gas fitters and plumbers from states which have a mutual mechanical licensing reciprocity agreement with this state, for all mechanical license listed in paragraph I(a) provided the board determines that the requirements for licensure in that state are equivalent to, or greater than, those established by the subdivision”. The Board already has rules for applicants coming from other states in Mec-300.

**7. Public Comments-** Les Houston was looking for clarification on code changes and educational providers. M. Prindiville informed Mr. Houston that there is a 6 Month grace period for schools and providers. July 2023 will be when new code will be incorporated into the education as they are halfway through the year with the 2015 codes and will test on those.

#### **9. Non-Public session-**

a. Upon the motion of J. Nash and the second of R. Roy the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 10:11 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.

b. upon return to public session at 10:21 a.m. J. Nash made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. P. Perry seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

**11. Adjournment-** The next meeting will be on October 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

J. Nash made a motion to adjourn at 10:22 a.m. R. Roy seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.