

Electricians Board
Public Minutes
April 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on April 4, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Matt Connors, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members Henry Szumiesz, Deck Robblee, Phil Biron, and Mike Palmeri. Absent was William Infantine. Board Administrator Shana Warriner and Chris Horne were present from OPLC. Representing the AG's Office Attorney Sheri Phillips.

I. Call to Order

II. Reading of the Minutes of the February 7, 2023, Meeting – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2023, meeting. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

III. Public Appearances – None.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates – None.

V. Unfinished Business –

a. Education Committee –

1. **Peter Wilson** – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
2. **Jeff McGrath** – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
3. **Joe Sacks** – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
4. **Naomi Ostrow** – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
5. **David Fisler** – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
6. **Louie Owens** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
7. **Brian Archambault** – H. Szumiesz made a motion to credit one year for his apprenticeship. M. Palmeri seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.
8. **Douglas Sanford** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
9. **Vincent Bent** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
10. **Paul Cormier** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
11. **Mike Miller** – Tabled until May meeting.
12. **Peter Diamond** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
13. **Curt Beachum** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.
14. **Charles Kennedy** - H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.

b. Building Code Review Board Report – Dean Sotirakopoulos reported to the board that BCRB went over the IBC and IEBC codes. D. Robblee made a motion to accept BCRB report. M. Palmeri seconded motion passes with roll call vote.

c. Report from Fire Marshal's Office – None.

d. Review PROV Test Results – reviewed the scores from the past two months and the year to date. The Board would like PROV to attend next month’s meeting in person or very least on Zoom to address some of the Boards concerns with making sure they are testing on the correct codes and would like updates on locations for in house testing. H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the Prov report. M. Palmeri seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

e. Board discussed the sub-committee meeting concerning reciprocity with MA. Committee will be meeting with representatives of the MA education sub-committee. NH allows online classes and MA does not feel it should be done online.

VI. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

- a. **Electricians Expiring Rules** – Tina Kelley is making some corrections and will bring them back to May meeting.
- b. **Elec 200 Initial Proposal Rules** – H. Szumiesz made a motion move forward for rule making. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.
- c. **Attorney Shane Goulet OPLC Board Attorney** – Attorney Goulet updated the board on HB 655 and the changes that have been made to the bill. All repealed language in the bill has been removed. Attorney Goulet also went over HB 2 and he and the Board will need to monitor what the new version looks like. The Board has set up a special meeting for April 11, 2023, at 9:00am with Attorney Goulet to see discuss where the Board wants to go with the revised HB2 language.

During the discussions it was brought up by H. Szumiesz about the fees that are being charged to licensees. They are paying the three-year fee with a new two-year license. The Board thinks that is unfair. They want to have a discussion at the next meeting regarding fees and licensing for apprentices. S. Warriner will ask that Director Bethany Cottrell be present at May’s meeting to answer any questions regarding licensing and fees.

VII. Licensure Approval (if applicable) - None

VIII. New Business

A. Chief Inspector Report

1. **Electricians Board Data** – Ken Vallery was there to answer any questions the Board may have had. The Board reviewed report. D. Robblee made a motion to accept. H. Szumiesz seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. **December Probation Report** – The Board reviewed report.

B. School Reports

- 1. **Nashua**
- 2. **MCC Tri-Annual Report**
- 3. **Dover High School**

H. Szumiesz made a motion to accept reports. D. Robblee seconded motion passes with roll call vote.

C. Joseph Bourque Letter – Mr. Bourque is a retired electrician that was asking if he could pass his license number down to Mark Hilbert. The Board tabled this until May to verify if administratively this can be done by OPLC.

D. Non-Public - Upon the motion of M. Connors and the second of D. Robblee, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 12:34 p.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.

- a. Upon return to public session at 1:34 p.m. H. Szumiesz made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

Date and Time of next meeting – May 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment – H. Szumiesz made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. D. Robblee seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.