



Board of Electricians Public Meeting

Electricians Board

Jul 11, 2023 at 8:00 AM EDT to Jul 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM EDT

OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Board Members Present: Matt Connors, Dexter Robblee, Will Infantine

Board Members Not-Present: Hank Szumiesz, Mike Palmeri

Minutes

I. Call to Order- M. Connors called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

II. Approval of the Minutes June 6, 2023- D. Robblee made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2023 meeting. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

III. Public Appearances

A. Non-Disciplinary Hearing 9:00 am- James Madrid- Hearing opened at 9:00 am. OPLC did not have notice on file that he received the NOH. W. Infantine made a motion to continue this hearing to the September meeting. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote. Hearing was closed at 9:09 am

B. Disciplinary Hearing 9:30 am- Normand Michaud / Aries Electric- Hearing opened at 9:33 am. Board listened to prosecution, the licensee and witnesses. Closing arguments and Board asked questions as necessary. Hearing closed at 10:41 am.

C. Non-Disciplinary-Michael Ricco- Hearing opened at 9:12 am. There is evidence he received notice of the hearing. He was not present at the hearing. Hearing closed at 9:13 am.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

V. Unfinished Business

A. Education Committee

1. Lightwave Learning, LLC- this will need to be reviewed at the next meeting.

2. Brian Smith- M. Connors made a motion to approve this application. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Building Code Review Board Update- BCRB has not met. They will start meetings again in September.

C. Report from the Fire Marshalls Office- no report this month.

D. Review of Prov Results- Board has questions on why there are still people taking the 2017 exam when they are supposed to be testing on the 2020 Code. Discussion about the questions on the exam and why the 2017 Code. Chief Inspector will reach out to Heather Kelley and then possibly Prov.

E. School Reports- D. Robblee made a motion to accept the school reports. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

1. Pinkerton Academy
2. Nashua High
3. Manchester Community College

VI. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

A. Elec 103.05, 104.02, 104.03- Final Proposal- D. Robblee made a motion to approve this final proposal. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Elec 200- Final Proposal- D. Robblee made a motion to approve this final proposal. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. Elec 300- Initial Proposal- D. Robblee made a motion to have a preliminary hearing on this section of the rules prior to beginning rulemaking. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. Elec 400- Initial Proposal- D. Robblee made a motion to have a preliminary hearing on this section of the rules prior to beginning rulemaking. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

E. Attorney Eaton discussed legislative update with the Board.

HB655 and how this will change the hearings process for the Boards. Boards will make the findings of fact; the hearing officer will make declarations of Law. Board will make the decisions.

HB 594- this is the reciprocity, Bill. Board will need to make a determination of the abilities and if it meets NH's standards. Board will need to create a matrix for licensing. Board would like to invite Lindsey Courtney to the next meeting to discuss HB594.

F. Steve Rancourt also spoke with the Board about other legislation. HB409- non-lapsing fund for OPLC and the fines and fees from OPLC, HB107- kept the ability to appeal to the BCRB, HB337- 2 weeks' notice on meetings, OPLC oversight committee was created with 3 representative and 3 senators.

G. Bethany Cottrell spoke with the Board about the phone calls and wait times. She will have an email blast sent to licensees to use the OPLC licensing email for electricians. This is a very effective way to get a response. The email to use is: OPLCLicensing4@oplc.nh.gov She also spoke with them about HB594. Board will need to identify what is substantially similar to NH. Boards will be involved in this decision making.

VII. Licensure Approval (if applicable)

A. Reciprocal Master- Ryan Carrier- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. New Apprentice- Benjamin Vachon- D. Robblee made a motion to approve this application. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. New Apprentice- Teddy Willette- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

VIII. New Business

A. Chief Inspectors Report- Board reviewed the Chiefs report. Discussed the Probation reports and how everyone was doing on their reporting. Everyone is current, no issues. D. Robblee made a motion to approve the report. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Non-Public Session

Robblee made a motion to go into non-public session at 11:08 am. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

** Motion (in public session) to move into Non-Public session per:*

***RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

** Roll Call Vote*

Upon return to public session at 12:10 pm W. Infantine made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IX. Adjournment-August 1 meeting will begin at 8:00am.

W. Infantine made a motion to adjourn at 12:12 pm. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.