



## Electricians Board Public Meeting Minutes

Electricians Board

Aug 1, 2023 at 8:00 AM EDT

OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

### **Attendance**

#### **Present:**

Members: Phil Biron, Matthew Connors, William Infantine, Michael Palmeri, Deck Robblee, Hank Szumiesz

Guests: Attorney Elizabeth Eaton, Attorney Shane Goulet, Chris Horne

#### I. Call to Order

M. Connors made a motion to call the meeting to order at 8:03 am

#### II. Approval of Public Minutes from July 11, 2023

W. Infantine made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting. M. Palmeri seconded the motion, H. Szumiesz abstains and motion passes.

#### III. Public Appearances

- A. Emergency Hearing- 10:00am- Doglas Farias- hearing began at 10:00 am and was closed at 10:15am.

Licensee was not present. Hearing will be continued to August 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

#### IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

Board discussed HB 594- Board will need to be specific with requirements for licensing.

- A. Heather Kelley- ApprentiScope Overview- 9:30am

Heather Kelley discussed this program with the Board. It will be away to track apprentice schooling and hours. It is an outside vender, and the cost will be added to the apprentice fees. At this time that amount is unknown. There are a few Boards that would use this program and the cost would be split between them. At the next meeting Board would like a demonstration of the program. The program would be more accurate and up to date. Concerns are the security of the information and the cost to the apprentices.

Board also asked Heather about Code books for the inspectors. the Board was assured by Heather Kelley that the Books have been ordered.

Board also asked about vehicles for the inspectors. Heather Kelley explained the process with the Board to get cars and that OPLC has no control over how many cars get approved.

#### V. Unfinished Business

- A. Education Committee

1. Lightwave Learning, LLC

this item has been tabled until further notice.

2. Frank R. Barker

H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this provider. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Building Code Review Board Report-

they have not met. Their next meeting will be in September. H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this report. M. Palmeri seconded and the motion passes with a roll call vote.

C. Report from the Fire Marshalls Office-

Working on reviewing the 21 Codes. Working documents have been submitted for review. D. Robblee made a motion to approve this report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

D. Review of Prov Results-

Board would like to be know what the pass/ fail rates are for Mass, Maine and Vermont. W. Infantine made a motion to approve the Prov results report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

E. School Reports-none

VI. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics

The proposal of the various changes in Ele 100s and 200s has been filed with JLCAR. Board had requested a hearing before rulemaking begins for the Ele 300s and 400s. Tina Kelley explained to the Board that there was time for this. There will be ample opportunity for public comments. There will be a public comment period.

A. Elec 300 various- Initial Proposal Draft

Board would like to add a criminal background check to the application process. The Board can request a background check from each state where a person is licensed. This can be added to the supporting documents that are required. Tina Kelley will work with Attorney Eaton to have this added to the rules. The Mechanical Board has language in their rules allowing them to receive the background checks.

D. Robblee made a motion to approve the initial proposal and begin rulemaking. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Elec 400 Initial Proposal Draft

discussion on the 3 years to 2-year licenses and if refunds were given to those who paid the 3-year fee. Board would also like to see an inactive status for those who don't want to expire but due to circumstance are not ble to practice.

D. Robblee made a motion to approve the initial proposal and begin rulemaking. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

VII. Licensure Approval (if applicable)- none

VIII. New Business

A. Chief Inspectors Report

Board reviewed the reports submitted. Probation reports were all in.

D. Robblee made a motion to approve the Chiefs report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

B. Non-Public Session

\* 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

H. Szumiesz made a motion to enter non-public session at 10:19 am. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

Upon return to public session at 10:38 am. W. Infantine made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-public session. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

IX. Adjournment-

W. Infantine made a motion to adjourn at 10:39 am. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

Next regular meeting will be on September 12, 2023 at 8:00 am.

There will be a hearing on August 9, 2023 at 3:00 pm.