



Board of Electricians Public Meeting Minutes

Electricians Board

Dec 5, 2023 at 8:00 AM EST

@ OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

I. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting for the New Hampshire Board of Electricians was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on December 5, 2023. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present were.

Present:

Matthew Connors, Master Electrician and Chair

Michael Palmeri, Master Electrician

Henry Szumiesz, Journeyman Electrician

William Infantine, Public Member

Dexter Robblee, Public Member

Phil Biron, Fire Marshall Member

Talia Wilson, Senior Board Administrator

Terese Barton, Board Administrator

Cassanadra Brown, Board Counsel

Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel

Guests: Lindsey Courtney, Executive Director, and Michael Gianunzio, Bureau Chief of Board Administration

Matthew Connors, Board Chair opened the meeting at 8:05 am

Below are the times notated that the board took a break:

No breaks during the meeting. William Infantine leaves meeting at 9:17 am.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Upon a motion by Hank Szumiesz and seconded by Michael Palmeri the board voted by unanimous roll call to approve the minutes of November 7, 2023.

A. November 7, 2023 Minutes

III. Public Appearances

A. Public Hearing

None

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

None

Board Chair Matthew Connors addressed the Board Administrators and Board Counsel where the meetings are normally posted.

Public attendant Steven Rancourt addressed brought to the attention to the posting on the website not being properly posted, and asked if this meeting and public hearing can legally be held according to RSA -91-A. OPLC's response is the posting is on the website and the monitor in the lobby outside of where the meeting is held which complies with RSA - 91-A. OPLC Board Counsel stated that this met the intent and could be held. Board Member William Infantine asked that the meeting continued with the notation that there was some concern that the posting did not meet RSA 91-A, and wanted it noted that if this is an issue the board should hold the meeting again if necessary. Board Chair Matthew Connors requested to the Board Administrator to please make sure Mr. Infantine comments be added to the minutes.

V. New Business

A. Education Committee

Non-Public Session

B. Building Code Review Board Update

No current report.

C. Report from the Fire Marshalls Office

No current report.

D. Review of Prov Results from

No Re-Licensing report since last meeting. The Board requested a full report for the January 9, 2024, meeting.

E. School Reports

None

VI. Rules Review with Tina Kelley 8:30am

A. Elec 300 - Conditional Approval

Upon a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Hank Szumiesz, the Board voted by unanimous roll call to approve the 300 Conditional Rules.

B. Elec 400- Final Proposal Annotated Text

Upon a motion by Hank Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee the Board voted by a roll call to approve 400-Final Proposal. William Infantine voted against the 400-Final Proposal.

Motion to commence the first non-public session:

At 9:15 am on a motion by William Infantine and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, electricians applications with irregularities and other Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 NH 574 (1978) and the Boards executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

Motion to keep minutes of the first non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion by Matthew Connors and seconded by Hank Szumiesz, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV or RSA 329:29. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its' respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 329:18-a. Each member recorded his/her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

VII. Licensure Approval (if applicable)

William Larson – High Medium Voltage Applicant- Approved by the Board on 12/05/2023

VIII. New Business

PLC 313: Review

The Board addressed Executive Director of the OPLC Lindsey Courtney with their concerns on the PLC 313 Interim: License by Endorsement. Board members expressed their concerns on New Hampshire's educational requirements compared to other states. Executive Director Lindsey Courtney of the OPLC addressed the Board that the states approved from PLC 313 are like New Hampshire. The Board and Executive Director

Lindsey Courtney plan to work together on median requirements for reciprocity/endorsement for the New Hampshire Electrical Board under PLC 313.

Please Note: after a significant discussion between the Electricians Board Members and OPLC Lindsey Courtney. The following was agreed to be added to PLC 313.

1. The agreement on to use 560 hours as "substantially equivalent" for education hours.
2. Adding the wording "under direct supervision" in both definitions.

IX. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Hank Szumiesz and seconded by Dexter Robblee, the board voted unanimously by a roll call to adjourn the public session at 10:47 am.

X. Chief Inspectors Report

Chief Inspector Scott Johnson reported on the current board report that contained new licenses, renewals, inspections, and the current probation reports. Additionally, Chief Inspector Scott Johnson reported on the candidate interviews for the open position Electrical Inspector that was narrowed down to one candidate.

Upon a motion by Dexter Robblee and seconded by Hank Szumiesz, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to accept the Inspectors report.