



Board of Electricians Public Meeting Minutes

Electricians Board

Jan 9, 2024 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 January 9, 2024. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were.

Present:

Matthew Connors, Master Electrician and Chair

Henry Szumiesz, Journeyman Electrician

William Infantine, Public Member

Phil Biron, Fire Marshall Member

Terese Barton, Board Administrator

Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel

Absent: Dexter Robblee, Public Member, Michael Palmeri, Master Electrician

Matthew Connors, Board Chair opened the meeting at 8:10 am

Time allotted for break: 10:19 am to 10:35 am.

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Board voted the minutes to be amended for the next Board meeting on February 6, 2024. The Board voted by a unanimous roll call.

Motion to commence the first non-public session:

At 10:56 am on a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by William Infantine, 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:

At 11:45 am, on the motion by William Infantine and seconded by Henry 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 a 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.

II. Fire Marshall's Report @ 8:30 am

Fire Marshall Toomey reported to the Board of Electricians on the enforcement of unlicensed electricians in the State of New Hampshire. The report consisted of the discovery of eighteen unlicensed electricians who worked in the State of NH. Board Chair, Matthew Connors noted that sanctions should be put in place for the eighteen unlicensed electricians. The Board requested a copy of the report of the eighteen unlicensed electricians. Board Counsel noted under RSA 310:13 details the sanction administrative action for this request. Investigations Bureau Chief, OPLC, Division of Enforcement, Michael Porter responded to Fire Marshall Toomey's report and stated that enforcement will work with FM Toomey on the issue of unlicensed electricians and unlicensed mechanical trade individuals. At the closing of FM Toomey's report, Board Chair requested a list of applicants for the next board meeting.

III. Public Appearances

The Board accepted the inquiry of license application from two public appearances. The public members who addressed the Board were Robert Vacccaro and Benjamin Dougherty. Both individuals, inquired questions on licensure and education hours for attaining licensure.

A. Public Hearing- Defreitas

1. Public Hearing-Defreitas - 9:00 am

The hearing for Alexander Defreitas commenced at 9:02 am. Hearing Officer Frye reviewed the procedural matters to Mr. Defreitas. Hearing Counsel Schuetz offered proof of summary of the incident and complaint on 06/12/2022. Hearing Counsel called Chief Investigator Shane Johnson as a witness, after being sworn in testified to the investigation against Alexander Defreitas and the complaint of three unregistered/unlicensed apprentices on a job site. Alexander Defreitas after being sworn in addressed Hearing Counsel and the Board on the event on 06/12/2022 and requested the Board to please reconsider. Mr. Defreitas suggested to the Board that the NH ELEC rules could be clearer. Hearing Counsel Schuetz recommended discipline as appropriate. The Hearing concluded at 9:38 am. Deliberations were held in the Non-Public session.

2. Public Hearing-Robert Daniels/Bob Daniels Electric - 11:00 am

Cancelled due to a Settlement Agreement to be reviewed in Non-Public session.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Legislative Update

FYI. Please review and advise if there is any legislation you would like the office to track and provide updates.

V. Rules Review - 300 various - Conditional Approval

On a motion by Hank Szumiesz and seconded by William Infantine, the Board voted to accept the 300 various-Conditional Approval with a unanimous roll call vote.

VI. Chief Inspectors Report

Chief Inspector Johnston reported to the Board on the new hire of a new inspector. On a motion by Hank Szumiesz, and seconded by William Infantine, the Board voted to accept Chief Inspectors Johnston's December report with a unanimous roll call vote.

VII. New Business

A. Education Committee -None

B. Building Code Review Board Update - None
No current updates.

C. Review of Prov Results

On a motion by Henry Szumiesz and seconded by William Infantine, the Board accepted the Prov Results with a unanimous roll call vote. The Board also noted on the future opportunity for the Prov Exam to provide accommodations for test takers with a language or learning concerns.

D. Report from the Fire Marshalls Office @ 8:30 am
Noted above.

E. School Reports - None

VIII. Licensure Approval (if applicable)

None

IX. Adjournment – On a motion by Hank Szumiesz and seconded by William Infantine, the Board voted unanimously by a roll call vote to adjourn the public session at 11:45 am. Next Board meeting is February 6, 2024