



Board of Electricians Public Meeting Minutes

Electricians Board
Feb 6, 2024 at 8:00 AM EST
@ OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting for the New Hampshire Board of Electricians was held at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH on February 6, 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
Dexter Robblee, Public Member
Michael Palmeri, Master Electrician

Staff:

Terese Barton, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel

Absent: Phil Biron, Fire Marshall Member

Matthew Connors, Board Chair opened the meeting at 8:12 am
Time allotted for break: 9:40 am to 9:45 am.

I. Approval of the Minutes

A. December 5, 2023 - Amended minutes.

On a motion by W. Infantine and seconded by H. Szumiesz the Board voted to accept the 12/05/2023 amended meeting minutes, with a roll call vote.

B. January 9, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

On a motion by H. Szumiesz and seconded by W. Infantine the Board voted to accept the 01/09/2024 meeting minutes, with a roll call vote.

II. Public Appearances

A. Richard Azzara-Adjudicative Hearing @ 9:00 am

The public hearing for Richard Azzara commenced at 9:08 am. Hearings Officer Goulet reviewed the procedural matters requested if Mr. Azzara was attending the hearing by zoom with no response and Mr. Azzara was not in attendance for the Adjudicative hearing. Hearing Counsel Phillips provided proof of summary of the incident on 02/17/2023. Hearing Counsel called Scott Dvorak as a witness, Dvorak participated the hearing via zoom, after being sworn in by Hearings Officer Goulet. Dvorak testified to the events that occurred on

02/17/2023. Hearings Counsel Phillips called Inspector Kenneth Vallery to provide testimony on the incident. Hearings Officer Goulet swore in Inspector Vallery. Inspector Vallery provided his testimony to Board on the AFCI's not installed in the properties were not up to code. Hearing Counsel Phillips recommended sanctions and a reprimand as per the Electricians rules as appropriate. The hearing concluded at 9:35 am. Deliberations were held in the Non-Public session.

III. Rules Review w/Tina Kelley

A. Elec- 300 Various-Adopted Text with Cover Letter

On a motion by W. Infantine and seconded by D. Robblee, the Board voted to accept the Elec-300 Various Adopted Text, with a roll call vote.

B. Elec-400-Conditional Response with Cover Letter

On a motion by W. Infantine and seconded by H. Szumiesz, the Board voted to accept the Elec-400 Conditional Approval Response, with a roll call vote.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

Board Counsel E. Eaton notified the Board on pending legislation, HB 1272 and HB 1676.

V. Fire Marshall's Report - None

VI. Chief Inspectors Report

A. Board Report

Chief Inspector Johnson informed the Board on the January board report and probation reports. Chief Inspector Johnson and stated that the reports are positive for the month of January 2024. During the Chief Inspectors report, the discussion turned to Apprentice training in NH. The discussion on the apprentice program focused on the High School state program skills that begins in April. Chief Inspector Johnson stated the OPLC inspectors offered to help with the state program.

B. Probation Report

VII. New Business

A. Education Committee

1. At Your Pace Online

On a motion by H. Szumiesz to take an Indepth look at the program, At Your Pace Online, tabled to the next board meeting.

2. Code refresher question to the Board

Previously, Chief Inspector Johnson resolved this question by email.

- B. Building Code Review Board Update
- C. Review of Prov Results

On a motion by D. Robblee and seconded by M. Palmeri, the Board voted to accept the Prov Results, with a roll call vote.

VII. Motion to move into Non-Public session:

Motion to commence the first non-public session:

At 10:03 am on a motion by Deck Robblee and seconded by Henry Szumiesz, 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.

On a motion by D. Robblee and seconded by H. Szumiesz, the Board voted to move into non-public session at 10:09 am, with a roll call vote.

VIII. Seal Non-Public Minutes:

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

At 11:01 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.

IX. Adjournment - Next Board meeting is March 5, 2024.

On a motion by W. Infantine and seconded by H. H. Szumiesz, the board voted to adjourn the Board of Electrician board meeting at 11:01 am, with a roll call vote.