



Board of Electricians Public Meeting Minutes

Electricians Board

May 7, 2024 at 8:00 AM EDT

@ OPLC, 7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present: Phil Biron (PB), Matthew Connors (MC), Michael Palmeri (MP), Deck Robblee (DR), Hank Szumiesz (HS).

Absent: William Infantine

I. Call to Order 8:07 a.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. April 2, 2024 - Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve moved by HS and motion seconded by DR, roll call vote 5-0-0.

III. Public Appearances

A. Hearings

1. 9:00 Joseph Donahue Hearing (SEALED).

Hearing opened at 9:02 a.m.

Hearing Closed at 9:18 a.m.

Motion to move to Non-Public at 9:08 a.m

Motion moved by HS and motion seconded by MP, roll call vote 5-0-0.

Return to Public Session at 9:38 a.m.

Motion to Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion moved by HS and motion seconded by DR, roll call vote 5-0-0

2. 9:30 Douglas Farias

Hearing opened at 9:40 a.m.

Hearing closed at 9:51 a.m.

Mr. Farias is not present. Hearing held in absentia.

3. 10:30 Rafael de Oliveria

Hearing Opened at 10:43 a.m.

Hearing Closed at 11:13 a.m.

- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
 - A. Board Counsel – Overview of updates
 - B. Rules – Elec 300 Various Rules. Adopted Text and Cover letter to be signed.
 - C. Petition for Rule Change – moved to non-public session.
 - D. Board Advised of recently adopted rules - Plc 313

V. Fire Marshall's Report - Nothing to discuss today.
Motion to accept Fire Marshalls report
Motion moved by DR and motion seconded by MP. roll call vote 5-0-0

- VI. Chief Inspectors Report – Board Report, Probation Report.

Students in their 4th year will begin testing in June, July, August.

Inspections – Quick flips. Wiring is wrong and no permits are being pulled. It seems people from down south, handymans from Salem, Pelham areas are moving up towards the Concord area.

Mini Splits are an issue. HVAC guys are starting to wire for it.

Probation Report – Azzara has not submitted any reports as directed by his Final Decision & Order dated 2/22/2024. No response from him at all. His license is still showing active on the website. Because he is not responding the recommendation is to hold a hearing to sanction him accordingly.

On **Motion** from HS with a second from MP to hold an adjudicatory hearing, roll call vote 5-0-0.

Construction is down quite a bit. You can tell from the probation reports normally guys are submitting 100's of reports are now submitting 2/3.

I am still dealing with the new car situation, I was told we should be receiving a new car at the end of this month.

Another issue, is the portable printers, we still have not received those. I am unable to completely do my job.

Chair, Matthew Connors, requests the Inspector send an email to him outlining what portable printer is needed and how many in order to allow the inspectors to do their job. MP suggested (HP 250) they can travel with the HP 250 it has the battery and wifi. Inspector will submit the information to the Chair.

Chair recognizes Mr. Raincort. The Board spoke to Heather Kelley, Director of Operations in December when she stated that the inspectors would have these items by now, and here it is May and no results yet.

Board is requesting Heather Kelley to speak with the Board at the next meeting.

Motion to accept the Chief Inspectors report.

Motion moved by HS and motion seconded by MP, roll call vote 5-0-0.

A. Building Code Review Board Update

Meeting and subcommittee will meet Friday May 10, 2024. They are reviewing to be sure it aligns with the 2020 codes before finalizing. There have been some changes to the carryovers, and these will be highlighted. A public hearing will be held to accept public comment.

Motion to Accept Deans Report

Motion moved by HS and motion seconded by MP, roll call vote 5-0-0

There is no Electricians Board meeting in August 2024.

VII. New Business

A. Education Committee

1. Porter and Chester Institute. They are very similar to our community colleges here in NH, A full 1 year program with year round training. MA does accept them as an apprentice training program. A student traveled from Manchester to MA every day to take the course and speaks very highly of the course. This is another opportunity for our students to get education.

If the Institute would like to be part of the NH Approved training programs, they need to submit an application and achieve approval.

2. ATS (Advanced Technical Schooling) - is an online course. A survey was completed to find out if people liked the program. 159 responses were received. Students appreciate the fact that they can go at their own pace since most have jobs or families, so going at their own pace is a great prospect.

Courses are broken up by year 1 and year 4. When they take their Journeyman test it will show us where they line up with other states. Maybe we could get a report from the testing center to show how many times students in the ATS training took the exam and passed.

Many Students have been with ATS for all 4 years. The usual feedback is they wish they had done it sooner. Lot of students out there, particularly in the north country are hurting for schooling and this would be a great segway into the profession.

Grant Pfeifer - took Nathan's course and he speaks in support of it. It was an excellent training.

The stakeholders for this course will need to submit an application for review by the Board in order to become an approved training.

Motion to accept Henry Szumiesz report
Motion moved by DR and motion seconded by MP, roll call vote 5-0-0.

3. P&H University

Motion to approve P & H University
Motion moved by DR and motion seconded by MP. roll call vote 5-0-0.

4. My Electrical CEU

Motion to Approve My Electrical CEU.com
They are a current provider, and they want to continue. This course includes the 2020 amendments included in their program which is a 15 hour course.
Motion moved by HS and motion seconded by MP. roll call vote 5-0-0.

B. Review of Prov Results - Masters is 63% pass rate.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Motion to move into Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion to Non-Public at 11:14

Motion moved by MC and motion seconded by MP, roll call vote 5-0-0.

X. Returned to Public Session at 12:00

XI. Seal Non-Public Minutes:

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

XII. **Motion to Seal the Minutes**

Motion to Seal the Minutes and Non-Public session moved by HS and motion seconded by DR, roll call vote 5-0-0

XIII. Adjourned at 12:01

Next Meeting is June 4, 2024 beginning at 8:00 a.m.