



# Electricians Board Public Session Minutes

Electricians Board

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM EDT

## Attendance

**Members Present:** Matthew Connors, William Infantine, Deck Robblee, Henry Szumiesz, Phil Biron.

**Members Absent:** Michael Palmeri

- I. Vacancies – Public member and Journeyman Electrician in holdover status.
- II. Call To Order at 8:05 a.m
- III. Review of Public Minutes  
**Motion** to Approve May 7, 2024 draft minutes.  
On motion from HS with a second from DR to approve, roll call vote 4-0-1 WI abstained.
- IV. Public Appearances
  - A. 8:15 Heather Kelley, Director of Operations - the inspectors received 2 vehicles Friday 5/31/24. The delay was with production and setting up with the State Police and Vendor. They received Rav 4's in accordance with the green initiative with the state of NH. Henry Szumiesz is asking, "What is the process in place if a vehicle breaks down"? There is a rental contract in place with the State Motor Pool, we are part of the merchants' program, or the Inspectors can use their own vehicles as a last resort. Who approves the use of a vehicle under one of these programs? The Director of Operations, and the motor pool is approved through admin services, which they do give priority to offices with this type of a situation. We cannot replace vehicles until they are fully depreciated. Our office would have to go to Admin services to replace a vehicle.  
  
8:15 Jessica Kallipolites Director of Enforcement – Wi-Fi printers, a decision was made some time ago, that inspectors will not receive printers. However, Enforcement is moving to a new platform where the inspectors will not need a printer. Henry Szumiesz states "Inspectors will not be able to do their job". Dexter Robblee asks, "how do you feel about a large purchase without a receipt"? People need to receive a receipt for what they are doing wrong.  
  
8:30 Bethany Cottrell, Director of Board Administration & Licensing stated, "there is a receipt provided in the field, it is a multi-layer, carbon copy document that can be given when there is a violation, this was given previously and still is".

Philip Biron, State Fire Marshal states “this is the same direction the Fire Marshalls office is going”. The Fire Marshalls office is out in the field issuing violations all the time.

William Infantine asks, the inspectors are not getting the printers because you are utilizing the advance in technology. Was there a safety and security issue? No. Why couldn't the printers be phased out after this project is up and running. OPLC budget cycle opens in July, so in the meantime we could revisit the discussion. The Board would like to have an update on the printers at the July meeting.

- B. Bethany Cottrell - Exam and Applications discussion, RSA 319-C-8 Examinations for License and OPLC Statute RSA 310 Abandoned Applications are applications that are not completed within 120 days. The two statutes have conflicts. When people are applying for the exam, PROV is allowing them 1 year to take the exam. Historically when people apply to take the exam their application is sitting in a pending state waiting to take the exam. RSA 310 has timeframes that specifically state the 120 days is when an application needs to be completed by. What’s happening is someone applies for the exam then their application sits in pending status until they pass the exam, sometimes over a year. Also, in statute, it states if they fail twice, they will have to pay twice. We have a group of applicants who have been pending because PROV has been telling them that they can continue to take the test, and that is not the case. OPLC is going to contact the ones on file to inform them from today’s date forward, anyone already in the system, we give them the one year. Applicants from this date forward, they fall under the statutes currently in place. Bethany will create a statement to go out with the notice of approval to test, as a reminder of the statute. The other piece is Administration is working on communication with PROV. PROV continues to allow them to test, but they will have to reapply.

NASCLA, is a potential new exam vendor. The Board would like to have a presentation at the July meeting.

The code update on the main page of the website is confusing and we are getting a lot of questions regarding it. OPLC Administration and Board Counsel will review and discuss and notify the Board of the new wording and get it posted to the website as soon as possible.

- C. Discussion Topic

Board moved to Non-Meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Board resumed Public session at 9:22 a.m.

- D. 10:30 Corbyn Kio - Show Cause Hearing on Application.  
Corbyn Kio is not in attendance. His father Brodie Jean Kio is speaking on his behalf along with his stepfather, Justin Grant Pfeifer. A waiver was submitted in accordance with Elec 304.02 regarding apprentices.  
**Motion** to approve the waiver  
On Motion by William Infantine and motion seconded by Henry Szumiesz, roll call vote 5-0-0.
- V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
  - A. Education - Henry Szumiesz, nothing to review.  
Motion to Approve the report from Pinkerton  
Motion moved by Hank Szumiesz and motion seconded by Deck Robblee, roll call vote 5-0-0.
  - B. El Jade Roster – this is a roster for Licensing so they will know who has taken this course, not needed on the agenda.
  - C. Chief Inspectors Scott Johnson Report - 2 cases will be coming off my report, this is their last requirement to report. Journeyman does seem to be on track to supersede last years. Only 5 renewed for Corporate. The new renewal cycle just took effect. This could be the cause. Renewal apprentice is down which will decrease the revenue. Inspections are par for the course. License checks are down because of vacations and learning the new software. And construction is way down. Henry Szumiesz asks if someone is on a job site, how do they get ahold of the inspector? They call the office, and the office will forward to the inspector. We used to have the inspectors phone numbers on the Board's website to pull up the number and call. Can we put that back on there? Fire Marshall will take the phone numbers of the different inspectors and their regions so the Fire Marshall's office will be able to direct some of the calls to the specific regions.  
  
The inspectors have phones and laptops. The phones are supposed to have a hotspot, but they do not. The inspectors now have the code books. We have the NFPA link now and can download it to be used offline.  
The lists on the website are being reviewed and updated, including the third-party inspectors. Chief Inspector Johnson will verify the information before posting.  
  
**Motion** to Approve Chief Inspectors report.  
Motion moved by Hank Szumiesz and motion seconded by William Infantine, roll call vote 5-0-0
  - D. Prov Testing Results - Tests results are kind of scarce, but overall newer candidates are doing ok.

- E. Building Code Review Board Update - How the Board came to a 3-year code requirement. When they would go out and do their inspections, it would be based on their birth month. The Board decided it was better to go the 3-year 15-hour update, so people would not renew until the end of the code cycle and still haven't done their update, so that is when it changed to a 3yr 15 hour updated.

**Motion** to accept Building Code report.

On motion from Hank Szumiesz with a second from Deck Robblee to approve, roll call vote 5-0-0.

#### VIII. Licensure Update

Applications Granted - 180 between 5/1/24 - 5/31/24.

Applicants Pending – Coming next month.

Applications Denied – Coming next month.

There are number of pending applications waiting on documentation.

- IX. State Fire Marshall Report - HB 1059 relative to the state building code. It is moving forward and waiting for the Governor's signature. Once signed it will go into effect July 1, 2024. SB 599 relative to the state fire code, with all course amendments, this is waiting for the Governor's signature and will take effect 60 days after passage. Based off their office, and the NEC, once that language comes out. No matter when the code is issued, it will be in effect. Because the bill is not signed at this time, then that building will fall under the 2020 edition.

Next year starts the 2023 legislation. Just the state building code, which will incorporate the electrical code. Not quite parody yet. It was around 2020 when they tied all the codes together. Under the current statute, it was under the Board, it was 2 years after the publication, so the 2023 was published in September 2022, so it cannot be adopted until 1/1/24. In HB 1095 they changed to 1 year, so it could be submitted sooner.

**Motion** to accept the Fire Marshalls report

On motion from Hank Szumiesz with a second from Deck Roblee to approve the Fire Marshalls report, roll call vote 5-0-0.

**Bethany Cottrell** returned to speak with the Board. We have a couple of ideas regarding the ID cards. OPLC is working with Employment Security offices and they have offered space to have people go there to get their ID cards issues, or do renewals. We can provide an update when these details are finalized. And we will be able to buy the portable printers on July 1, 2024 when the new budget starts.

- X. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

#### XI. 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 move to Non-Public Session at 11:11 a.m.

Motion moved by Deck Robblee and motion seconded by Henry Szumiesz, roll call vote 5-0-0.

XII. Resume Public Session at 11:35 a.m.

XIII. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

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.

**Motion** to Seal the Non-Public Session and the Minutes

On motion from William Infantine with a second from Hank Szumiesz, roll call vote 5-0-0.

XIV. Adjournment at 11:40 a.m.