

**MECHANICAL LICENSING BOARD
PUBLIC MINUTES**

February 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301

There was a meeting of the Mechanical Licensing Board on February 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Jesse Doucette. Also present were Robert Roy, Paul Perry, Elisha Cole, Joseph Nash, Peter Kendrigan, Michael Harrison, and Steve Guercia. Attending from the OPLC were Board Administrator Shana Warriner, Chief Mechanical Inspector Marc Prindiville.

1. Approve January 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes- P. Perry made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023, meeting J. Nash seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Non-Public session-

a. Upon the motion of E. Cole and the second of J. Nash the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 9:03 a.m. for the purpose of discussing matters that if discussed in public would likely adversely affect the reputation of persons other than a member of the body itself and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(c), (j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

b. Upon return to public session at 9:45 a.m. E. Cole made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. J. Nash seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates –

a. **Heather Kelley – Exams and Continuing Education Discussion** – Ms. Kelley spoke to the board about the inspectors no longer will be doing test questions that will be for the board to come up with the questions for the plumbing exams. Also, Chief Prindiville and the inspectors will no longer be doing the seminar provider trainings. The rules working group will meet to discuss what will be done going forward. Ms. Kelley also stated there will be a bid put out for anyone wanting to do testing for plumbing exams.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business –

a. **Chief Inspectors Report** – M. Prindiville reviewed his report with the board the Board.

b. **HB148 Vote** – J. Nash made a motion to approve HB148 language. R. Roy seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. **Tedd Evans – Adoption of 2021 Fuel Gas Code** – Mr. Evans would like the board to support the adoption of the 2021 Fuel Gas Code. He is going to start a study group and

would like to know if anyone from the board would like to be part of the group. R. Roy will take part in the group. More information will follow.

d. Eddie Curran (MCC) Email - Mr. Curran wanted to clarification on if it is okay that they allow students to use their own code books while taking the gas tests. They are only allowed to highlight in them, and they are gone through by the instructor to make sure no writing is in them. The Board agreed that was fine if there is no writing. They also want to know if they can use a pen reader. The board asked that he submit information on the pen reader, and they will review and decide at the March meeting. They also asked about E-Code Books which the board hasn't decided on yet.

6. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics -

a. Rules Working Group-

- * Mec-200 – Public Hearing March 8, 2023 @ 9:30am

- * Mec-300 – J. Nash made a motion to accept and start rule making. M. Harrison seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.

- * Mec-400 – FIS Request Submitted.

- * Mec-500 – J. Nash made a motion to accept as presented. J. Doucette seconded motion passes with a roll call vote.

- * Mec-605.01 – J. Nash made a motion to accept and start rule making. M. Harrison seconded motion passes with roll call vote.

- * Saf-Mec 700 – J. Nash made a motion to approve. P. Perry seconded motion passes with roll call vote.

- * Saf-Mec 800 – Tabled to March

7. Public Comments- None

11. Adjournment- The next meeting will be on March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

J. Nash made a motion to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. M. Harrison seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.