



## **Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board Public Meeting**

Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 9:00 AM EDT to Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM EDT  
7 Eagle Square Concord NH - 2nd Floor Hearings Room

**Attendees:** Jesse Doucette – Chair (JD), Joseph Nash – Vice Chair (JN), Peter Kendrigan (PK), Michael Harrison (MH)

**Absent:** Elisha Cole (EC)

**Staff:** Justin (JB) Frazier – Board Administrator, Erica Lamy – Board Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq. – Board Counsel

### **Agenda**

**I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at by JD 9:01 am

**II. Approval of Public Minutes from February 11, 2025 Meeting**

Motion to approve Public minutes by PK second by JN. Board approved 3-0-1 MH abstained

**III. Hearings**

**A. Christopher Comeau – 11:00 am** Hearing began at 11:17 am to 11:35 am

Attorney Frye – Presiding Officer

**IV. New Business**

**A. Enforcement Report**

Mechanical Board Report

March 2025

1-Municipal Assist- 1

2-Investigations- 3

3-Information Request (Phone Calls)- 152

4-Complaints- 5

5-Code Enforcement Inspections- 9

6-License Compliance Checks- 89

7-Board Action- 1

8-Food Inspections- 1

All consent agreements have been fulfilled for the month of February 2025.

**V. Licenses since February 11, 2025:** Marc Prindiville

**Licenses Issued Initial:**

Apprentice Plumber 13

Fuel Gas Fitting Trainee 18

Gas Fitter - Installation Technician 2

Gas Fitter - Piping Installer 3

Gas Fitter - Service Technician 12

Journeyman Plumber 6  
Master Plumber 8  
Mechanical Business Entity 9  
Oil Heating Technician Certification 1

### **Licenses Issued Renewal**

Apprentice Plumber 6  
Fuel Gas Fitting Trainee 1  
Gas Fitter 71  
Gas Fitter - Service Technician 2  
Journeyman Plumber 8  
Master Plumber 22  
Mechanical Business Entity 1  
Oil Heating Technician Certification 6

## **VI. Administrative Rules and Legislative Topics**

Chantell Wheeler

**A. Mec 100:** Changes made to definitions on organizational rules. Specifically, 102.01 with regards to definition of apprentice. There were some other statutes that were repealed so edits were made to clean that up. The make up of the Board was update. 29CFR was updated in 2022 but the rules had the last effective date to be 2020. Board has approved updating 101.02 to the newest version of CFR29. Motion to accepted IP and begin rule making by JN second by MH. Board approved 4-0-0

**B. Mec 500:** Some of the 500's are expiring on July 1 2025. Chantell prepared a draft IP for review. Motion to initiate rule making by JN second by PK, Board approved 4-0-0

**C. Mec 400:** The 400s were updated to reflect the new plumbing apprenticeship definition. Mec 405.02 changes are mainly clerical. Rules is working to align the 400s to the OPLC rules and align with 100 changes. Motion to accept changes by JN second by PK. Board approved 4-0-0

**Attorney Eaton:** SB188 passed with 2 amendments. Attorney Eaton thinks that it tightens things up regarding what independent inspector can do within scope of their license. Independent providers will be submitting a certificate to the authority. Attorney Eaton will be sending link for SB188.

## **VII. OPLC Updates**

**A. Licensure by endorsement:** Counsel is still waiting for Board to help with plumbing jurisdictions those that are substantially similar. The Board was also notified that separate work groups are not permitted

## **VIII. Public Comments**

**A. William Hitchcock:** Application was granted based on them taking the exam during the February meeting. Mr. Hitchcock wanted to discuss reciprocity and how it is accepted. He states that he comes from a very strict state regarding licenses. Holds Master and Journeyman license in MA and holds Master and Gas Fitter license in ME. Wants to know

why he must take the 2 in NH. Feels that there is not much difference between the states. **MH** asked whether an applicant from NH would need to take ME and MA test to get license. Mr. Hitchcock believes MA is very strict and more so than NH. **JN** stated that way laws/rules are written is that to reciprocate, it must be identical coding between states. The Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board is governed by that. Mr. Hitchcock questions whether homeowners can pull permits to do work at their residence. **JN** stated that is managed town by town. Mr. Hitchcock who does inspections where **JN** responded that it depends on who is doing the inspections for towns.

**B. Gary Gauthier:** As a trainer, he feels he still needs direction for CE Broker. As the train the trainer he is getting mixed messages. He is assuming a certificate of completion was supposed to be handed him, to upload to CE Broker. He has reached out to CE Broker to get clarification. Wants to have a meeting with CE Broker and OPLC to get things clarified. Mr. Gauthier is looking for direction on this. Attorney Eaton suggested reaching out to Heather and Bethany or speak to Dee when she is in.

**C. Ted Evans:** Would like to reiterate the discomfort with CE Broker. He still feels it is unclear the position of the Provider and CE Broker. He still feels there is a lot of confusion regarding CE Broker. He has reached to CE Broker and doesn't feel he is getting answers

**D. Charles Clark:** Attended last month and said that there was a meeting coming up with all providers. **JD** said the request was made to OPLC and it is in their court. Mr. Clark asked what the advantage of CE Broker for Plumbers. **JN** stated that the decision was not the Board's decision.

**Board Note:** JD noted that there will be an item on the April 8<sup>th</sup> Public agenda regarding CE Broker. Questions submitted in writing up until 1 hours prior to the meeting.

#### **IX. Non-Public Session:**

Motion by MH second by PK at 9:40 am. Roll call: 4-0-0

Motion by MH second by PK 11:35 am Roll call: 4-0-0

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.

#### **X. Seal the Non-Public Minutes:**

Motion by JN second by MH to seal public minutes at 11:10 am

Motion by JN second by JD to seal public minutes at 11:52 am

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.

#### **XI. Next Meeting - April 8, 2025**

**XII. Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am