

**Electricians Board
Public Minutes
November 10, 2020 at 9:00am
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301
Zoom Meeting**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on November 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Matt Connors and Chief Electrical Inspector – Michael Soucy. Not present was Jack Grube and Sean Toomey. Chris Horne, Attorney Tom Broderick and Tina Kelly were present from the OPLC. Present as members of the public were: Dean Sotirakopoulos and Jeffrey Newman.

Prior to starting the agenda P. Cicolini read a state of emergency checklist for Zoom Board meetings. This document stated the meeting information and how public was able to access.

1. Hearings/ Interview/Meeting-

a. Jeffrey Newman, Career School licensing- The Board was provided with the laws and rules of registering with the Department of education. Schools who receive \$800.00 or more per student must register. It is required that a school has a bond of a minimum of \$10,000 (this is to reimburse a student if the school fails) Students can file a complaint about the school if necessary. After 2 years a school can be part of the VA program where a student's tuition is paid for.

There are exemptions and individual schools would need to reach out to the DOE to see if they meet the exemptions.

P. Cicolini made a motion to table the discussion until next month and to have Attorney Broderick review the Department of Education's laws and rules and to make a recommendation to the Board about how they can move forward with approving education.

H. Szumiesz seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

2. Reading of the Minutes of the October 6, 2020 Meeting – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2020 meeting, W. Infantine seconded, M. Connors abstains and motion passes by a roll call vote.

3. Reading of Communications – Board acknowledged the resignation of Board member Jack Grube.

4. Applications for Board action –

5. Unfinished Business –

a. Education Committee –

1. Electricallicenserenewal.com-30-hour continuing ed, Mike Miller- H. Szumiesz has reached out to him for the missing information. M. Connors made a motion to table this request until it is completed. P. Cicolini seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

2. M.E.P. Continuing Education-15-hour Code Update- Christian Magoun- M. Connors made a motion to approve this course, P. Cicolini seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

3. Introduction to the 2020NEC- 16 hrs.- Steven Owen- M. Connors made a motion to approve this course, W. Infantine seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote

b. Building Code Review Board Report – Starting with the October 12 meeting the Board members are able to meet in person, no public is allowed yet. They are discussing the

proposed amendments and still working on the Code review. P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this report, H. Szumiesz seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

c. Report from Fire Marshal's Office – no Fire Marshal's office representative. They are in the process of reviewing the MOU with the Mechanical Licensing Board.

d. Probation Reports – noted, they are all up to date

e. Review PROV Test Results – M. Connors made a motion to approve the test results. P. Cicolini seconded. Motion passes with a roll call vote.

f. Continuing Education for NERA Reciprocal Licenses-Board discussed accepting continuing education from the NERA states. Would like to see additional language on the continuing education requirements. However, would like more information. Board may not have an issue with this because NERA is for Journeyman who are working under a Master. There are a few states that are leaving the NERA agreement. Next meeting Board would like to discuss this further.

g. Law and Rules updates-

1. Background check language-after discussion the Board would like to move forward with a minimum state by state background check. This gives the applicant a choice of just 1 state, multiple states or the FBI. P. Cicolini made this motion, M. Connors seconded. Motion passes by roll call vote.

P. Cicolini made a motion that effective January 1, 2022 that background checks will be a requirement for all initial applicants. W. Infantine seconded. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Board would like to move forward with this as soon as possible. M. Connors will reach out to Senator Morse to sponsor.

Once this becomes a law, all electricians will need to get a background check completed. Apprentices who are under 18 will need to complete the background check when they turn 18. P. Cicolini made this motion and M. Connors seconded. Motion passes by roll call vote.

2.Suggested changes/ corrections- M. Connors made a motion to table this discussion until next meeting. H. Szumiesz seconded. Motion passes by roll call vote.

h. School Reports-

1. MCC, Pinkerton, Nashua, MST – noted the schools who have sent the apprentice listings in. Staff will need to reach out to the school that has not send the listing in. Schools are required to do this. If we don't have record of the apprentices, they might not be awarded the hours they should be receiving. P. Cicolini made a motion to approve the information that has been sent in and to send a letter to the school who hasn't complied if they don't do so by the next meeting. H. Szumiesz seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

6. New Business –

a. Chief Inspector Soucy's Report – The ECBA would like to have a joint meeting with the Electricians Board at some point. Board reviewed the number of license checks that have been done and wondered if this was higher or lower than last year. M. Soucy felt it may be higher. The inspectors have been very busy.

b. Upon the motion of P. Cicolini and the second of H. Szumiesz the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 10:48 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.

c. upon return to public session at 11:20 a.m. M. Connors made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. H. Szumiesz seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passed.

d. Date and time of next meeting—*December 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.*

7. Adjournment- M. Connors made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. W. Infantine seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.