

Electricians Board
Public Minutes
May 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301
Zoom Meeting

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on May 5, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by Peter Cicolini, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Matt Connors, Deck Robblee and Sean Toomey. Chief Electrical Inspector – Michael Soucy. Chris Horne, Attorney Michael Porter were present from OPLC. Present as members of the public were: Dean Sotirakopoulos, Steve Rancourt, Jim Grant, Nathan Poland and Norman Wood.

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- Attorney Michael Porter gave an overview of the enforcement division. How all complaints funnel through enforcement. Nothing will be changing for the electricians Board right now and Michael will discuss the settlement agreement process in non-public session.

Board asked if the ability of the Building Code Review Board to overturn a decision will change. This is RSA 319-C:12-b. so it will not change.

2. Reading of the Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Meeting – M. Connors made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 meeting. H. Szumiesz seconded, D. Robblee abstains and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Reading of Communications – none

4. Applications for Board action –

a. William Ray reciprocal journeyman license- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this application. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. Dwayne Gilman- Journeyman application- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this applicant to take year 3 & 4, then take the Journeyman's exam. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. Marc Lefbvre-Journeyman application- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this applicant to take year 4, then take the Journeyman's exam. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

5. Unfinished Business –

a. Education Committee –

1. Advance Technical Schooling- 30 hr. course P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this course. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Brandon Richards- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve Brandon to complete his 20 hours necessary for year 3 and to then start year 4. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Theresa Praska- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve Theresa to complete the 20 hours necessary to complete year 2 and then she can begin year 3. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Bruce Wyman- P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this course and to also issue a letter of concern to Mr. Wyman. This is the seconded time he has applied for approval of a course after he had already been presenting it. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

The Board does not want to cause unnecessary hardship to those who have already taken the course.

b. Building Code Review Board Report – Not much electrical being discussed. As the amendments are available they will be brought to the Electricians Board for review and discussion. The BCRB is meeting on the 3rd Friday of the month. The code review has been a slow process but the hope is that it will be ready for public comments by September.

John Tuttle is the acting chair.

P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this report. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. Report from Fire Marshal's Office – Electrical Safety month –Sean asked if Board wanted to work with the Fire Marshalls office on this. Mike will reach out to Sean. Mike Soucy and H. Szumiesz will reach out to Sean on the MOU with the Fire Marshal's office.

P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this report. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

Will Infantine joins the meeting at 3:04

d. Probation Reports – noted

1. April-completed

2. May Reports-next month, still missing.

e. Review PROV Test Results – P. Cicolini made a motion to approve the Prov report.

M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

g. Law and Rules updates- vote to adopt Elec 304.01, 305.01, 403.02 – P. Cicolini made a motion to approve the adoption of the rules updates. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

h. School Reports- all accounted for-P. Cicolini made a motion to accept the school reports.

M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

6. New Business

a. Chief Inspector Soucy's Report – Mike has been working on drafting rules regarding electricians who are in the armed forces. There is no language right now regarding apprentices.

There are no new complaints. 5 letters of concern, 2 settlement agreements signed and 2 investigations ongoing.

Mike spoke at the NH Seacoast association about mini-split issues.

P. Cicolini made a motion to approve this report. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. Steve Rancourt talked to the Board about OPLC being 100 % online renewals. His concern was no notice went out to everyone, what if people don't have emails or if information is incorrect. OPLC no longer mails postcards to let licensees know it's time for them to renew.

This is an OPLC issue not a Board issue. Staff assured the Board that it has not been a big issue. When people call we help them get through the process. Board reminded everyone it is the licensees responsibility to know when they need to renew and to keep their information current with the Board.

c. Upon the motion of P. Cicolini and the second of M. Connors, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 3:43 p.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.

d. upon return to public session at 5:13 p.m. P.Cicolini made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

e. Date and time of next meeting –*June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.*

7. Adjournment- P. Cicolini made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. M. Connors seconded all in favor by roll call vote and meeting adjourned.