

**Electricians Board  
Public Minutes  
August 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.  
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301**

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on August 10, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Matt Connors, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Deck Robblee, Mike Palmeri, Sean Toomey, Phil Biron and Chief Electrical Inspector – Michael Soucy. Chris Horne was present from OPLC. Present as members of the public were: Dean Sotirakopoulos, Present on Zoom were Steve Rancourt, John Plourde, Norman Wood, Jim Grant and Nathan Poland.

**1. Hearings/ Interview/Meeting-** Board welcomed new Board member Mike Palmeri, who replaces P. Cicolini as the Master Electrician on the Board. Also welcomed was Phil Byron who will be the State Fire Marshal representative replacing Sean Toomey.

**2. Reading of the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Meeting –** W. Infantine made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. H. Szumiesz seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

**3. Reading of Communications –**

a. MOU from Fire Marshalls office- After discussion and knowing the process to renew the MOU will be easy to do. Knowing the fee is paid to treasure, State of NH was also a question the Board had. H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the MOU. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

Board also briefly discussed 3<sup>rd</sup> Party inspectors and why they came about and that there is no fee for that. There are not many licensed with the state.

**4. Applications for Board action –**

a. Matthew Amaral- New Apprentice application- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. John Alcantana- New Apprentice Application- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. Evan Angus- Journeyman Exam Application- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

d. James Baird-Apprentice Hours- W. Infantine made a motion to approve his hours. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

e. Aaron Hill-Apprentice Renewal- this application is tabled pending further information.

**5. Unfinished Business –**

a. Education Committee – none

b. Building Code Review Board Report – they met on August 6 and discussed the 19 amendments all but 2 passed. These are being withheld for further discussion at the August 27 meeting. This is also when public comments can be made.

20:6:21-Arc Fault

20:8:21- Having “Own Space” for indoor equipment. This will have cost increases associated with it.

W. Infantine made a motion to accept this report. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. Report from Fire Marshal's Office – They have a vacant inspector position they are in the process of filling. The Governor is signing a law for the FM's office to issue assembly permits. 2015 Code amendments have been ratified. FM's office will be cleaning up the website to clean it up. The Code Adoption committee is set up; they are trying to stay with the 3 yr. process. They are trying to fill other vacancies in the office.

W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

d. Probation Reports – An observation from the Board that there are a lot of probation reports lately. Shows the inspectors are doing their jobs and it also shows that liberties are being taken and some are doing some egregious things.

Mike Soucy had done a class with Nathan Poland to teach the rules to the students. Mike would like to continue to offer this to students at other schools. This will hopefully help to stop some of the violations the inspectors come across.

1. June-completed W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. July-completed W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. August- missing 1- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

e. Review PROV Test Results – Board discussed that testing sites are not open. Prov said they are looking for new sites. Board will monitor this and would like to see an in person site to give people the option.

D. Robblee made a motion to approve this report. M. Palmeri seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

g. Law and Rules updates-

1. OPLC organizational Rules initial proposal – noted for the Board to review and discuss at the next meeting. Also noted this information was on the website for the public to review and comment on.

## **6. New Business**

a. Chief Inspector Soucy's Report – 8 new complaints they are working on. 4 so far this month. Trying to direct people to the website to fill out the complaint form. There are 4 ongoing investigations. They are working on a settlement agreement that M. Soucy hopes to have at the next meeting. M. Soucy met the Chief Electrical Inspector from Maine., Ray Sandford. ME has similar issues to NH. Denis Laurendeau and M. Soucy are prepping for a jury trial next week. Maine has just adopted the 2020 Code.

D. Robblee made a motion to accept this report. M. Palmeri seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. Upon the motion of H. Szumiesz and the second of D. Robblee, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 9:50 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 11:15 a.m. W. Infantine made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

d. Date and time of next meeting- *September 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.*

**7. Adjournment-** W. Infantine made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.