

Electricians Board
Public Minutes
November 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301

There was a meeting of the Electricians' Board held on November 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Matt Connors, Chairman. Also in attendance were Board Members - Henry Szumiesz, Will Infantine, Mike Palmeri, Deck Robblee, Phil Biron, Fire Marshal Representative and Chief Electrical Inspector – Michael Soucy. Chris Horne was present from OPLC. Attorney Sheri Philips was present from the AGs office. Present on Zoom as members of the public were: Dean Sotirakopoulos, Nathan Poland and Steve Rancourt, in person.

1. Hearings/ Interview/Meeting- Fee proposal discussion with Lindsey Courtney-Went over the budget for the next biennium. Spoke about the expenses being shared by all Boards instead of by only a few. There are Boards who pay more than 125%. and the new fees will have all Boards pay 125%. Some Boards will see an increase others will see a decrease. Late fees, verification fees and reinstatement fees are going away.

Spoke about positive changes for the OPLC. Enforcement division, better licensing software, staff attorneys, better customer support.

The fees proposal was a starting point for discussion. Lindsey is looking for feedback from the Boards. The electricians' fees have not had any changes in 13 years. If the Board makes no changes now it could run the risk of not having enough money and causing the need to raise fees significantly. Board will discuss and make a proposal for fees changes for the December meeting. Board reviewed the list of licensees in each area and discussed areas to increase fees.

Steve Rancourt spoke to the Board about the wording on the license that is emailed. Staff will review the laws and rules to make surer the wording is correct about having a photo ID with you. Staff will also speak to the IT department about the "lines" on the pocket card and the spacing of the wording.

2. Reading of the Minutes of the October 5, 2021 Meeting – W. Infantine made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2021 meeting. Dexter Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. Reading of Communications – none

4. Applications for Board action –

a. Michael Palmer- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. Jonathan Downey- W. Infantine made a motion to approve this application. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. Nicholas Gutzman- H. Szumiesz made a motion to ask for more information from this applicant. W. Infantine seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

5. Unfinished Business –

a. Education Committee –

1. Benjamin Johnson- After discussion H. Szumiesz made a motion to credit 300 hours of the apprentice schooling and 4000 hours of on-the-job training. Once this is complete, he can then test for his journeyman license. He will be a 3rd year apprentice. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Brian Archambault- W. Infantine made a motion to not give credit for the schooling. It is not an electrical curriculum. M. Connors seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

3. ATS Jeremy Downs-year 3 / 4 program- H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve the program ATS has presented for Mr. Downs to complete year 3/ 4 in 1 year. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Collin Shanahan- He was contacted and told to reach out to H. Szumiesz and this hasn't taken place yet.

b. Building Code Review Board Report – they have not met in October. Next meeting will be Friday November 12, 2021. So, nothing to report this month. M. Palmeri made a motion to approve this report. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

c. Report from Fire Marshal's Office – there are multiple vacancies at this time that they are working on filing including Sean Toomey's position. D. Robblee made a motion to approve this report. M. Palmeri seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

d. Probation Reports –

1. October- completed

2. November- Board will review next month

e. Review PROV Test Results – H. Szumiesz made a motion to approve this report. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

M. Soucy discussed the NERA meeting that he just went to. The average test scores are in line with what NH's results are. During this meeting it was discussed to possibly have a bank of questions that the NERA group can pull from.

Information on what can be brought to the exam is available to examinees. Once they receive the email from PROV. They can also go to the link that is available on the website to get information on testing.

g. Law and Rules updates- discussion with Lindsey Courtney.

h. School Reports- currently we have received Pinkerton and Nashua High School. Staff will reach out to the other schools for the reports and to remind them of the importance of the apprentices getting registered.

6. New Business

a. Chief Inspector Soucy's Report – M. Soucy went over his report and discussed the steps they go through when they are on a job site. Check ID's, if not licensed they tell the individual to get licensed and then they will follow up at a later date. If it is a code violation, he gives them a chance to respond. W. Infantine made a motion to approve this report. D. Robblee seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. Upon the motion of H. Szumiesz and the second of M. Palmeri, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 10:31 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 11:05 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- *December 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.*

7. Adjournment- W. Infantine made a motion to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. H. Szumiesz seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.