

1/14/2025 9:00 AMEST

@ 7 Eagle Square Concord NH - 3rd Floor Hearings Room

Attendance

Present: Members: Elisha Cole, Michael Harrison, Peter Kendrigan, Joseph Nash

Absent: Members: Jesse Doucette

OPLC Staff in Attendance: Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel Erica Lamy, Board Administrator Thomas ODonnell, Board Administrator

- I. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am
- II. Approval of Public Minutes from December 10, 2024 Meeting

Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board 12.10.24 DRAFT Public Meeting Minutes.pdf

Motion:

Motion to approve the Public Minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting.

Motion moved by Michael Harrison and motion seconded by Elisha Cole. Motion passed 4-0-0

- III. Hearings
 - A. Alexander Melewski 9:30 am

Rescheduled Notice of Hearing Melewski.pdf

Mr. Malewski did not show up for the hearing The hearing began at 9:47 am and ended at 10:11 am.

B. Nicholas Samokar 11:30 AM
Rescheduled Notice of Hearing Samokar.pdf

The hearing for Mr. Samokar began at 12:00pm and ended at 12:15 pm.

C. Joseph D'Albora 11:30 AM

<u>Rescheduled Notice of Hearing D'Albora.pdf</u>

Mr. D'Albora did not show up for the hearing. Hearings Officer Shane Goulet determined that sufficient notice was provided for the Board to deliberate in Non-Public.

D. Tyler Berzerdesky

Hearing began at 11:30am and ended at 11:57 am.

Motion: Motion to move to Non Public Meeting at 10:27 am

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Michael Harrison. Motion passed 4-0-0

- IV. New Business
 - A. Enforcement Report

Enforcement Report January.pdf

- V. Licenses since December 10, 2024
 - Licenses Issued:

Apprentice Plumber -28 Fuel Gas Fitting Trainee - 64 Gas Fitter - 61 Journeyman Plumber -7 Master Plumber -14 Mechanical Business Entity -14 Oil Heating Technician Certification -1

- VI. Administrative Rules and Legislative Topics
 - A. MEC 300 Rules

2024-13 INT Adopted Rule Cover Letter Mec 304 Mecdocx
2024-13 INT Adopted Rule Text Mec 304 Mec 305.docx

Motion:

Motion to adopt MEC 300 Rules

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Michael Harrison. Motion passed 4-0-0

B. Mec 600 Rules

2024-14 INT Adoption Cover Letter Mec 604.01 Mec 6....docx

2024-14 INT Adopted Rule Text Mec 604.docx

Motion:

Motion to adopt MEC 600 Rules

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Michael Harrison. Motion passed 4-0-0

Motion:

Motion to initiate rulemaking

Motion moved by Peter Kendrigan and motion seconded by Michael Harrison. Motion passed 4-0-0

VII. OPLC Updates

Attorney Eaton provided an update on items scheduled for the upcoming legislative session.

- VIII. Public Comments
 - A. Keith Mercier Water Softening Technician -- Pressure Tank Installation
 - B. Gary Haines CETP to PEP

New Hampshire 2025 CETP Transition.pptx

Slides provided from 2023 CTEP 1.0 transition to PEP materials. The purpose is to make it user friendly for new hires to offer instructor led e-training. Instructors that are certified can offer CEUs. Study was completed and showed a retention rate increase from 70% to an 80% threshold. It has allowed employers to get their employees into the field sooner with more training. September 2025 modules 4.1 and 4.2 will go live and the requirement will be for PEP no longer CETP. Each State can select modules and establish a learning path. Materials are verified through PERC and PERC will provide a certificate that education has been completed for the applicant to begin their license application process.

C. Tedd Evans

Discussed concerns that 600 rules and RSA 310.12 don't align. This is currently being addressed by the Board in the rulemaking process.

Tedd discussed CE Broker and requested that there be training for course providers to understand how it works. Resources and instructions for CE Broker can be found in the following location: <u>https://www.oplc.nh.gov/ce-broker</u>. CE Broker will also be sending an email to instructors with additional information and resources as well.

Nonprofit 501(c)3 charitable organization is offering a \$15,000 scholarship with an emphasis on trade education, information will be sent to the Board. Deadline for the scholarship is March 2025.

The Education Foundation has a fundraising gold tournament on June 6th at Stone Bridge Country Club in Goffstown.

D. ICC - Gary Gauthier

RFI supposed to be 3 years, contract provided was for 1 year.

HVAC and sheet metal licensing to provide education with the code especially with the transition from 410 confirm that installers are educated and understand the new requirements. Propane module to include natural gas and hydrogen.

IX. Non-Public Session

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.

Motion:

Motion to move to Non Public meeting at 12:48 pm

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Elisha Cole. Motion passed 4-0-0

X. Seal the Non-Public Minutes

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.

Motion:

Motion to seal the Non Public minutes

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Michael Harrison. Motion passed 4-0-0

- XI. Next Meeting February 11, 2025
- XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm