



Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board Public Meeting Minutes

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3/11/2025 9:00 AM EDT

@ 7 Eagle Square Concord NH - 2nd Floor Hearings Room

Attendance

Present:

Members: Joseph Nash, Jesse Doucette, Michael Harrison, Peter Kendrigan

Absent:

Members: Elisha Cole

Staff

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Members: JB Frazier, Erica Lamy, Elizabeth Eaton

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by JD at 9:01 am

II. Approval of Public Minutes from February 11, 2025 Meeting

 [Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board Public Meeting Minutes 02.05.25 DRAFT.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve Public Minutes

Motion moved by Peter Kendrigan and motion seconded by Joseph Nash. Board approved: 3-0-1 MH abstained

III. Hearings

Christopher Comeau - 11:00 am

 [Rescheduled Notice of Hearing_Comeau.pdf](#)

Attorney Frye - Presiding Officer

IV. New Business

A. Enforcement Report

Mechanical Board Report

March 2025

1-Municipal Assist- 1

2-Investigations- 3

3-Information Request (Phone Calls)- 152

4-Complaints- 5

5-Code Enforcement Inspections- 9

6-License Compliance Checks- 89

7-Board Action- 1

8-Food Inspections- 1

All consent agreements have been fulfilled for the month of February 2025.

 [mechanical Board Report March 2025.pdf](#)

V. Licenses since February 11, 2025

Licenses Issued Initial:

Apprentice Plumber 13

Fuel Gas Fitting Trainee 18

Gas Fitter - Installation Technician 2

Gas Fitter - Piping Installer 3

Gas Fitter - Service Technician 12

Journeyman Plumber 6

Master Plumber 8

Mechanical Business Entity 9

Oil Heating Technician Certification 1

Licenses Issued Renewal

Apprentice Plumber 6

Fuel Gas Fitting Trainee 1

Gas Fitter 71

Gas Fitter - Service Technician 2

Journeyman Plumber 8

Master Plumber 22

Mechanical Business Entity 1

Oil Heating Technician Certification 6

VI. Administrative Rules and Legislative Topics

Chantell Wheeler

A. Mec 100

 [Mec 100 IP.docx](#)

Changes made to definitions on organizational rules. Specifically, 102.01 with regards to definition of apprentice. There were some other statutes that were repealed so edits were made to clean that up. The make up of the Board was update. 29CFR was updated in 2022 but the rules had the last effective date to be 2020. Board has approved updating 101.02 to the newest version of CFR29.

Motion:

Motion to accept IP and begin rule making

Motion moved by Joseph Nash. Board approved: 4-0-0

B. Mec 500

 [Mec 500 IP.docx](#)

Some of the 500's are expiring on July 1 2025. Chantell prepared a draft IP for review.

Motion:

Motion to initiate rule making

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Peter Kendrigan. Board approved: 4-0-0

C. Mec 400

 [Mec 400 IP - draft v.docx](#)

The 400s were updated to reflect the new plumbing apprenticeship definition. Mec 405.02 changes are mainly clerical. Rules is working to align the 400s to the OPLC rules and align with 100 changes.

Motion:

Motion to accept changes

Motion moved by Joseph Nash and motion seconded by Peter Kendrigan. Board approved 4-0-0

Attorney Eaton: SB188 passed with 2 amendments. Attorney Eaton thinks that it tightens things up regarding what independent inspectors can do within scope of their license. Independent providers will be submitting a certificate to the local authority. Attorney Eaton will be sending link for SB188

VII. OPLC Updates

A. Licensure by endorsement

Counsel is still waiting for Board to help with plumbing jurisdictions those that are substantially similar. The Board was also notified that separate work groups are not permitted

VIII. Public Comments

A. William Hitchcock: Application was granted based on them taking the exam during the February meeting. Mr. Hitchcock wanted to discuss reciprocity and how it is accepted. He states that he comes from a very strict state regarding licenses. Holds Master and Journeyman license in MA and holds Master and Gas Fitter license in ME. Wants to know why he must take the 2 in NH. Feels that there is not much difference between the states. **MH** asked whether an applicant from NH would need to take ME and MA test to get license. Mr. Hitchcock believes MA is very strict and more so than NH. **JN** stated that way laws/rules are written is that to reciprocate, it must be identical coding between states. The Mechanical Safety & Licensing Board is governed by that. Mr. Hitchcock questions whether homeowners can pull permits to do work at their residence. **JN** stated that is managed town by town. Mr. Hitchcock who does inspections where **JN** responded that it depends on who is doing the inspections for towns.

B. Gary Gauthier: As a trainer, he feels he still needs direction for CE Broker. As the train the trainer he is getting mixed messages. He is assuming a certificate of completion was supposed to be handed him, to upload to CE Broker. He has reached out to CE Broker to get clarification. Wants to have a meeting with CE Broker and OPLC to get things clarified. Mr. Gauthier is looking for direction on this. Attorney Eaton suggested reaching out to Heather and Bethany or speak to Dee when she is in.

C. Ted Evans: Would like to reiterate the discomfort with CE Broker. He still feels it is unclear the position of the Provider and CE Broker. He still feels there is a lot of confusion regarding CE Broker. He has reached to CE Broker and doesn't feel he is getting answers

D. Charles Clark: Attended last month and said that there was a meeting coming up with all providers. **JD** said the request was made to OPLC and it is in their court. Mr. Clark asked what the advantage of CE Broker for Plumbers. **JN** stated that the decision was not the Board's decision.

Board Note: JD noted that there will be an item on the April 8th Public agenda regarding CE Broker. Questions submitted in writing up until 1 hours prior to the meeting.

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 enter Non Public Session at 9:40 am

Motion moved by Michael Harrison and motion seconded by Peter Kendrigan. Roll call:
4-0-0

Motion:

Motion to enter Non Public Session at 11:35 am

Motion moved by Michael Harrison and motion seconded by Peter Kendrigan. Roll call:
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 at 11:10 am

Motion moved by Joseph Nash. Board approved: 4-0-0

Motion:

Motion to seal the Non Public Minutes at 11:52 am

Motion moved by Joseph Nash. Board approved: 4-0-0

XI. Next Meeting - April 8, 2025

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am