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**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**January 4, 2024 1:00 p.m.**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**The following Board members were present:**

Anthony Caputo  
Alfonso Ibarreta  
Edward Williams  
John Correia  
Larry S. Fisher  
Patty Sheehan  
Richard Arruda  
Jon Davine  
Paul Kennedy  
Ken Smith

Chair, BFPR  
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer  
Deputy Chief Brockton Fire Department  
Member of the Public  
Electrical Contractor  
Inspector of Buildings  
Chief – under 25,000 population  
State Fire Marshal  
Wiring Inspector  
Blasting Association Member

**DFS Staffing were present:**

Maribel Fournier  
David Clemons  
Mary Ann Smith  
Kristen McDonough  
John Wood III  
Glenn Rooney  
Christina Rodriguez

Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Operations Section Chief  
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division  
Fire Protection Engineer, Fire Safety Division  
Code Compliance Officer, Fire Safety Division  
General Counsel  
Fire Safety Division

**Guests were present:**

Janna Serafim  
Mark Rochon  
Sam Pillsbury  
Bob Duval  
Rae Moore  
Mark Rochon  
Jen Hoyt

Linda Epstein

### **Monthly Board Meeting**

Meeting was opened at 1:04 p.m. by Anthony Caputo, Interim Chair.

Introductions, Mary Ann Smith called upon BFPR Members and DFS Staff to introduce themselves for the record.

1. *Minutes from the November 2, 2023 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.*

**Motion to approve the November 2, 2023 meeting minutes made by Larry Fisher seconded by Edward Williams. All in favor. Motion carries.**

### **New Business**

1. Staff is currently working on a draft letter regarding the errors in the implementation of the code change proposal that was submitted and accepted by the BBRS. Additional language will also be presented by Staff/NFPA 45 Work Group providing cleaning language than what was originally submitted and approve by the BBRS. This letter will be reviewed at the February 1<sup>st</sup>, BFPR meeting.

**Code Change Proposal submitted from Matt Murray on January 19, 2023. Motion to accept as written and to number as 65.2.6.2.2 made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

(Code change proposal will be applied to the 527 CMR 1.00, 2021 edition.)

2. The Board has decided to implement a deadline of February 29, 2024 to have all code change proposals submitted for 527 CMR 1.00 based off the 2021 edition of NFPA 1. All code change proposals submitted after that date will be reviewed along with the 2024 edition of NFPA 1.

### **Old Business**

1. *Committee/ Reports*
  - a. *Administrative Code Committee*
    - (1) *Meeting to be scheduled in January to discuss the work of the other committees in implementing Chapter 1 tables into the technical chapters.*
  - b. *General Requirements Code Committee*
    - (1) *Committee is working to review code change proposals submitted for Chapter 11 by the S.E.B.A.N.E. (Solar Industry). January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was rescheduled to January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.*
  - c. *Occupancy Code Committee*
  - d. *Processing Code Committee*
    - (1) *Scheduled to meet January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.*
  - e. *Equipment Code Committee*
  - f. *Hazardous Code Committee*
  - g. *Electrical Code Committee*
    - (1) *Scheduled to meet January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am.*
  - h. *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

i. *BFPR/BSEE Work Group*


- (1) *Group met on 12/11/23 to discuss the questions submitted by the Board of State Electrical Examiners. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/19/24 9 a.m.*

**Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

N/A

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Edward Williams. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:44 p.m.

Approved:  Date: 2/1/24