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Minutes

**Board of Building Regulations and Standards
Fire Prevention Fire Protection (FPFP) Advisory Committee
Department of Fire Services – 1st Floor Conference Room
April 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m.**

1. Roll Call - Call to Order 1:34 pm

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| a. Robert Carasitti Chair (RC) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | g. Chief Gary McCarraher (GM) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| b. Dave LeBlanc V-Chair (DL) | <input type="checkbox"/> present | √ absent | h. Boston Fire Commissioner | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| c. Walter Adams (WA) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | Paul Donga for BFD (PD) | | |
| d. Don Contois (DC) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | i. State Fire Marshal (or designee) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| e. Harold Cutler (HL) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | Jen Hoyt for the SFM | | |
| f. Rob Anderson (RA or designee) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent | j. Kurt Ruchala (KR) | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| Mike Guigli for RA (MG) | | | From 9:30a to 12:30p | | |
| | | | k. Louise Vera (LV) or Alternate | √ present | <input type="checkbox"/> absent |
| | | | Jeff Putnam (JP) for LV from 9:00a to 9:18a | | |
| | | | Louise Vera from 9:18a to 1:00p | | |

The chair noted that 10 members were present to begin the meeting so a quorum was achieved.

General note on format: votes are noted as (Motion by: XX, Second by: XX, Vote: In Favor-Opposed- Abstaining).

2. Review and approval of minutes from April 23, 2015

RC noted that the draft minutes were incomplete and that since this meeting was a continuation of the 4/17 meeting, he will have both prepared for the next meeting.

3. Review of Draft 9th Edition.

The FPFP continued its review of the 9th Edition Draft and a letter from the State Fire Marshal (Exhibits A - I).

The chair recapped last meeting efforts and opened the floor for comments on Chapter 9.

- a. Section 901.6 – Section 901.6 of IBC was reviewed in conjunction with 903.6.1 and 907.6.6. A motion was made and seconded to recommend changing Section 903.6.1 by restoring virgin IBC and adding “and Section 901.6.”; and restoring Section 907.6.6 by restoring virgin IBC and adding “and Section 901.6.”; and leaving the 4 MA exceptions.

Motion: GM so moved 2nd: HC Vote: 10-0-0

- b. The Deputy State Fire Marshal joined the meeting at 9:32 as an observer. JH remained the Fire Marshal designee.
- c. Section 903.4.2 Added Exception

A motion was made and seconded to delete the added exception as it is not necessary given the virgin IBC being retained.

Motion: DC so moved 2nd: JH Vote: 10-0-0

- d. Section 903.2 Exceptions

A motion was made and seconded to delete the last sentence of the base paragraph of the exception. It has been misinterpreted to not allow the use of the NFPA 13 dry electrical room exception to omit sprinklers under certain conditions.

Motion: DC so moved 2nd: HC Vote: 10-0-0

- e. Sections 904.12

It was noted that a formatting error has occurred. 904.12 should be 904.14.

- f. Section 904.15 Aerosol Systems

A motion was made and seconded to add Section 904.15 to address potential aerosol systems and provide proper NFPA reference. NFPA 2010 – 2015 Edition needs to be added to Chapter 35 References.

Motion: HC so moved 2nd: GM Vote: 10-0-0

- g. Section 905.12

Section 905.12 should be 905.10 for proper formatting. Also, Chapter 35 should have NFPA 241 – 2009 Edition listed. This coordinates with 527 CMR.

Motion: DC so moved 2nd: GM Vote: 10-0-0

- h. Section 917.1

Section 917.1 refers to NFPA 24. Chapter 35 should have the 2010 Edition of NFPA 24 added.

A motion was made and seconded to add the 2010 NFPA 24 to Chapter 35.

Motion: KR so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 10-0-0

- i. Section 907.2.11.3 was discussed but no action was taken.
- j. Section 909.15 was discussed but no action was taken.
- k. Section 909.16 was discussed.

A motion was made and seconded to delete the exception.

Motion: PD so moved 2nd: JH Vote: 3-7-0

A new motion was made to edit exception to read "...existing dedicated function smoke control panel."

This edit uses the NFPA 72 terminology and clarifies that an existing smoke control panel which is dedicated and separate from the fire alarm system is not required to be upgraded when the fire alarm system is changed.

Motion: KR so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 10-0-0

- l. Section 909.20.6.1 – Editorial change ... intake was spelled incorrectly in first sentence.
- m. Section 909.4.6.1

A motion was made and seconded to delete the section. IBC 2015 has picked the criteria up.

Motion: WA so moved 2nd: KR Vote: 9-0-0 GM out of room and did not participate

- n. Section 913.6 was discussed but no action was taken.
- o. Section 915 was discussed but no action was taken.

The committee concluded its Chapter 9 review and moved on to Chapter 51.

- p. Section 311.1 was discussed but no action was taken.
- q. Section 313.1 Exception 2

A motion was made and seconded to delete exception 2.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: PD Vote: 5-5-0 Motion did not pass

- r. Section 313.1.1

A motion was made and seconded to change 313.1.1 to reference different standards at 12,000 gsf aggregate area townhomes.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: GM Vote: 3-6-1

- s. Section 313.2 was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to delete exception.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: PD Vote: 1-9-0

- t. HC, WA and GM(?) departed.

- u. Section AJ102.3.1

A motion was made and seconded to make the following edits:

- Title - Change to Adding or Creating 1 or more Sleeping Rooms
- Item 1, 2 and 3 – Change “detectors” to “protection”
- Item 2 – add “or created”

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: KR Vote: 6-0-1

v. Section AJ102.3.2

A motion was made to change “all” to”50%.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 6-0-1 MG abstained

w. Section 314.4.1

A motion was made to delete reference to UL 268 since it is not possible to comply with it. This is in the virgin IRC.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 6-0-1 MG abstained

Upon further review by chair this may be the wrong section number?

x. Section 314.3 Item 5

A motion was made and seconded to change 1,200 to 1,000.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 6-0-1 MG abstained

y. Section 314.3

A motion was made and seconded to add Item 6 – Near base of all stairs.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 3-4-0

Section 314.8

z. A motion was made and seconded to change section as noted by DFS.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 1-5-1 MG abstained

aa. Section 314.8.1 was discussed but no action was taken.

bb. Section 314.4

A motion was made and seconded to change to “and unless one or more bedroom are added or created”

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: DC Vote: 7-0-0

The committee next reviewed Chapter 34

A motion was made and seconded to change “municipal water supply” to “water supply” throughout.

Motion: JH so moved 2nd: KR Vote: 5-2-0

4. Matters not reasonably anticipated within two business days of the meeting.

There were no other new matters presented. The Chair reiterated that new matters should be submitted to the BBRS in writing.

5. Approval to adjourn the meeting

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: DC so moved 2nd: MG Vote: 7-0-0

Exhibits

- A. 2014_04_Chapter_01_Staff_redline_2015_03_19
- B. 2014_04_Chapter_02_to_35_Staff_redline_2015_04_14
- C. 2014_04_Chapter_51_R01_Staff_redline_2015_04_10
- D. 2014_04_Chapter_51_R02_to_R44_Staff_redline_2015_04_10
- E. 2014_04_Chapter_110_R1_Concrete_Test_Labs_Staff_redline_12_02_2014
- F. 2014_04_Chapter_110_R3_Manuf_Buildings_Staff_redline_12_03_14
- G. 2014_04_Chapter_110_R4_Native_Lumber_Producers_Staff_redline_2015_04_10
- H. 2014_04_Chapter_110_R5_Construction_Supervisor_License_redline_2015_04_10
- I. Marshal_Letter_2015_04_14