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Architectural Access Board Meeting Minutes –October 6, 2025, Teams Meeting

This meeting was open to the public and began at approximately 9:03 AM Architectural Access Board member attendance:

Dawn Guarriello, Chair (DG)
Patricia Mendez, Vice Chair (PM)
Elizabeth Myska (EM)
Jeff Dougan (JD)
David Johnson (DJ)
Kay Bell (KB)
Pamela Daly (PD)
Elizabeth Myska (EM)
Katie Denis (KD)

Division of Occupational Licensure Employees attendance: William Joyce – AAB Executive Director (WJ) Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel (JaD) Molly Griffin – Program Coordinator (MG)

DG opened the meeting for Roll Call: PM, KD, PD, DJ, JD, EM, KB

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Motion to Continue for a feasibility study for an elevator in this space by DJ

2nd by KB

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

2. 9:30 AM

V25-170

Lancaster and Malburn Street, Leominster

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Motion to Grant as proposed by JD

2nd by KD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

3. 9:40 AM

V25-171

30 Leavitt Street, Salem

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Motion to Find that no variance is required by JD

2nd by KD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

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EM- yes
KB- yes
DG- yes
8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
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Motion to Find that the existing toilet rooms must comply with 521 CMR 30 by JD

2nd by KD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

4. 9:47 AM V25-172 1112 Boylston Street, Boston

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Motion to Grant for this tenancy only by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Continue for proof of compliance with 521 CMR 27 for the interior and exterior stairs and a written policy for keeping the pathway clear by JD

2nd by PD

Roll Call Vote

PM-abstain

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention- Motion Passes

5. 10:02 AM

V25-173

900 Boylston Street, Boston

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Variance 1 & 2

Motion to Grant as proposed by JD

2nd by PM

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Variance 3

Motion to Continue for test drawings showing a potential carve out to allow for the 1.5 inch space behind the handrail by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Variance 4

Motion to Find no variance is required by JD

2nd by KD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

6. 10:12 AM

V25-174

401 State Road, West Tisbury

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Variances 1 & 2

Motion to Grant under the usual conditions by JD

2nd by KD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

7. 10:20 AM

V25-175

71 Cherry Street, Cambridge

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Variances 1, 2, & 4

Motion to Continue for the MHC Letter by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Variance 3

Motion to Find that no variance is required, as these are employee-only spaces, but it

needs to be indicated as employee-only space on the stamped permit sets by JD 2nd by DJ Roll Call Vote PM-yes KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes DG- yes 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes 8. 10:26 AM V25-176 Various Streets, Dorchester Exhibit- Variance application WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents Motion to Packet by JD 2nd by DJ Roll Call Vote PM-yes KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes DG- yes 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes 9. 10:29 AM 173 High Plain Street, Walpole V25-177 Exhibit- Variance application WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents Motion to Grant as proposed by KD 2nd by JD Roll Call Vote PM-yes KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Find that the Group 1 bathroom clearances are required to comply with 521 CMR 42.7.2b by KD

2nd by JD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

10. 10:40 AM

V25-178

54-56 Hayes Street, Cambridge

Exhibit- Variance application

WJ presented documentation- Variance application and associated documents

Motion to Grant with the condition that 103 is a Group 2A flat as proposed and on the condition the lift shaft is provided by stacked closets, and this information is included in the advertising and sales materials by JD

2nd by PD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

JG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Grant as proposed by DJ

2nd by JD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

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KB- yes
DG- yes
8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Grant under the usual conditions by JD
2<sup>nd</sup> by DJ
Roll Call Vote
PM-yes
KD- yes
PD- yes
DJ- yes
JD- yes
EM- yes
KB- yes
DG- yes
8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
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11:00 AM Hearing

C25-004

140 Whiting Avenue, Dedham

DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Participants Matthew Haffner, Michael Muehe, Kenneth Cimeno, William Joyce, and Susan Carney (the complainant) are sworn in. Exhibit 1, AAB 1-53 is noted. Susan Carney, as the complainant, testifies first. Mr. Haffner confirms that a passenger elevator, LULA, and lift in the theater are all operational, and adds that the Town intends to modernize the elevator in the summer of 2026. Mr. Haffner provides the elevator inspection document to the Board as Exhibit 2. Michael Muehe testifies regarding a self-evaluation and transition plan and keyed operation of the lift and LULADirector Joyce advises Respondent that it is not permitted to require a key to use a lift where the nearby stairs do not require use of a key. Discussion and questions of hearing.

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Motion to Take case under advisement by KB 2<sup>nd</sup> by DJ
Roll Call Vote
PM-yes
KD- yes
PD- yes
DJ- yes
JD- yes
EM- yes
KB- yes
DG- yes
8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
3:01 PM
Motion to Find the complaint valid by PD
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2nd by JD
Roll Call Vote
PM-yes
KD- yes
PD- yes
DJ- yes
JD- yes
EM- yes
KB- yes
DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Order the respondent to ensure that the LULA must be available for use whenever the space served by the LULA is open for use by JD

2nd by PD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

1:00 PM Hearing

V25-089

1 Sewall Street, Salem

DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Participants Robert Freni, Trevor Rabidou, and Charity Lezama are sworn in. Exhibit 1, AAB 1-35 is noted. Trevor Rabidou begins the presentation and shows Exhibit 2, a presentation. Mr. Freni addresses each variance. Exhibit 3, a Google street view image is added to the record. Discussion and questions of hearing.

Request 1: Accessible route to Existing Basement, Basketball Court, Boys Locker Room, and Kids Club

Motion to Continue for test drawings for a permanent or portable lift to the basketball court and for the policy on relocating on request special programming planned to occur in the basement by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

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KD- yes
PD- yes
DJ- yes
JD- yes
EM- yes
KB- yes
DG- yes
8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
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Request 2: Accessible Route to Flex Gym Space

Motion to Continue for test drawings and policies, up to and including requests for timed relief, to have programming held in the accessible spaces by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Request 3: Basketball Court Stair Tread Height

Motion to Grant on the condition they implement related recommendation from the Salem Commission on Disability by PM

2nd by JD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- abstains

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention- Motion Passes

Request 4: Existing Ramp to Childhood Education Space

Motion to Grant on the condition that Respondent provide to the Board the policy for the exterior access route to the childhood education space, and to ensure information regarding the route is posted on the website and mobile application by JD

2nd by PD

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes
KD- yes
PD- yes
DJ- yes
JD- yes
EM- yes
KB- yes
DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Request 5: Ames Hall Entrance

Motion to Continue to see if the accessible parking can be moved to the right of the accessible entrance where there are currently metered spots by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Request 6: Maneuvering Clearances

Motion to Continue for a plan identifying doors and spaces impacted by this request by KD 2^{nd} by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- absent

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 not present- Motion Passes

Request 7: Bathrooms (Time Variance)

Motion to Grant until 1/1/30 with annual status reports starting on 1/1/27 by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

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DJ- yes
   JD- yes
   EM- yes
   KB- yes
   DG- yes
   8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
   Request 8: Handrails (Time Variance)
   Motion to Grant until 1/1/30 with annual status reports starting on 1/1/27 by JD
   2<sup>nd</sup> by DJ
   Roll Call Vote
   PM-yes
   KD- yes
   PD- yes
   DJ- yes
   JD- yes
   EM- yes
   KB- yes
   DG- yes
   8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
   Request 9: Door Maneuvering Clearances (Time Relief)
   Motion to Continue for a plan that identifies doors and spaces impacted by this request by KD
   2<sup>nd</sup> by JD
   Roll Call Vote
   PM-yes
   KD- yes
   PD- yes
   DJ- yes
   JD- yes
   EM- yes
   KB- yes
   DG- yes
   8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes
   5 Minute Break until 3:00 PM- 3:01 PM return to 11:00 Hearing Decision
11. 3:17 PM
                                       V25-179
                                                       2262 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester
   Exhibit- Variance application and associated documents
   WJ presented documentation- variance application
   KD Recuses
   Motion to Packet by DJ
   2<sup>nd</sup> by JD
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PD- yes

Roll Call Vote PM-yes KD- recuses PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes DG- yes 7 yes, 0 no, 1 recusal- Motion Passes V25-180 Webster 12. 3:18 PM Exhibit- Variance application and associated documents WJ presented documentation- variance application Motion to Grant on the condition that when the two unit owners no longer need this device, it will be removed by JD 2nd by KD Roll Call Vote PM-yes KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes DG- yes 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes 13. 3:26 PM C23-078 19 Monsignor Reynolds Way, Boston Exhibit- Variance application and associated documents WJ presented documentation- variance application Motion to Schedule a Fine Hearing by DJ 2nd by JD Roll Call Vote PM-yes KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

14. 3:37 AM V22-107 32 Derby Square, Salem

Exhibit- Status report

WJ presented documentation- Status report

Motion to Accept status report by JD

2nd by PM

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

15. 3:39 AM V24-194 127 Forest Avenue, Hudson

Exhibit- Additional information

WJ presented documentation- Additional information

KD Recuses

Motion to Grant time relief until 11/1/28 with annual status reports starting 5/1/26 by JD

2nd by PM

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- recuses

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 recusal- Motion Passes

Motion to Grant time relief until 11/1/28 with annual status reports starting 5/1/26 on the condition it is maintained by JD

2nd by PM

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- recuses

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 recusal- Motion Passes

16. 3:50 PM V25-082

WJ presented documentation- Additional information

KD Recuses

Motion to Grant as proposed by JD

Exhibit- Additional information

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

PM-yes

KD- recuses

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

DG- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 recusal- Motion Passes

PM Takes over as Chair

Motion to Continue for more information for how the computer room will be replicated on the first floor by JD

114 Temple Street, Somerville

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

KD- recuses

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

PM- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 recusal- Motion Passes

Motion to Grant relief to 8.2 on the condition they construct a non-accessible bathroom as shown in A102b by PD

2nd by KB

Roll Call Vote

KD- recuses

PD- yes DJ- yes

JD- abstain

EM- abstain

KB- yes

PM- no

3 yes, 1 no, 1 recusal, 2 abstentions- Motion Passes

17. 4:09 PM V25-109 12 Post Office Square, Boston

Exhibit- Additional information

WJ presented documentation- Additional information

Motion to Grant on the condition that the accessible route on the 2^{nd} floor residential corridor is not restricted during business operating hours by KD

2nd by JD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

PM- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

18. 4:13 PM V25-115 97 Bradford Street, Provincetown

Exhibit- Additional information

WJ presented documentation- Additional information

Motion to Continue to receive the test drawings by DJ

2nd by KD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

PM- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

19. 4:17 PM V25-118 57 Everett Street, Boston

Exhibit- Additional information

WJ presented documentation- Additional information

Motion to Grant on the condition that the tub control locations comply with the 2010 ADA standards 607.5 and to include in the lease language that these can be relocated by KD 2nd by JD Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes PM- yes 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes 20. 4:23 PM V25-120 9 Westminster Avenue, Arlington Exhibit- Additional information WJ Presented documentation- Additional information Motion to Grant by JD 2nd by KD Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes PM- yes 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes 21. 4:25 PM V25-147 7 Pleasant Street, Malden Exhibit- Additional information WJ presented documentation- Additional information Motion to Grant on the condition an automatic door opener is provided by JD 2nd by KD Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes DJ- yes

JD- yes EM- yes

PM- yes

KB- technical error

6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention due to technical issue- Motion Passes

22. 4:32 PM V25-158

Jerome Street and Cushing Avenue, Boston

Exhibit- Additional information

WJ presented documentation- Additional information

KD Recuses

Motion to Grant on the condition this is an apex design by JD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

KD- recuses

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- absent (technical difficulties prevented voting)

PM- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 temporarily absent- Motion Passes

23. 4:46 PM

V25-158

48 High Street, Warren

Exhibit- Additional information

WJ presented documentation – Additional information

Motion to Grant on the condition that any public meetings are held in locations that are fully accessible to persons with disabilities as required by the OML by KD

2nd by DJ

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

DJ- yes

JD- yes

EM- yes

KB- yes

PM- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

24. 5:00 PM Minutes and decisions

Exhibit- minutes and decisions

WJ presented documentation- minutes and decisions from 9/22/2025 meeting

Motion to Accept minutes and decisions with edits by JD

2nd by KB

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- abstain

DJ- yes

JD- yes EM- yes KB- yes PM- yes

7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention- Motion Passes

Exhibit List

- Boston Pole Fitness, 79-85 Freeport Street, Dorchester (V25-161)
 - Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Curb Ramp, Lancaster Street and Malburn Street, Leominster (V25-170)
 - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Salem Public Schools Welcome Center, 30 Leavitt Street, Salem (V25-171)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Bhout Boxing, 1112 Boylston Street, Boston (V25-172)
 - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Hynes Veterans Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston (V25-173)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- West Tisbury Community Affordable Housing, 401 State Road, West Tisbury (V25-174)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House, 71 Cherry Street, Cambridge (V25-175)
 - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Fields Corner CDC Housing Project, Various Addresses, Dorchester (V25-176)
 - Exhibit-Variance Application and associated documents
- Mixed Use Building, 173 High Plain Street, Walpole (V25-177)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Residential Building, 54-56 Hayes Street, Cambridge (V25-178)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Lower Mills Apartments, 2262 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester (V25-179)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Beacon Park Condominiums, Webster (V25-180)
 - Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square, Salem (V22-107)
 - Exhibit- Status Report
- Ruth Barkley Apartments, 19 Monsignor Reynolds Way, Boston (C23-087)
 - Exhibit- Status Report
- Mary O'Malley CHAPS Academy, 127 Forest Avenue, Hudson (V24-194)
 - Exhibit-Additional information
- The Gaslamp Bed and Breakfast, 97 Bradford Street, Provincetown (V25-115)
 - Exhibit- Additional Information
- Brian J. Honan Apartment Complex, 57 Everett Street, Boston (V25-118)
 - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Covenant Church, 9 Westminster Road, Arlington (V25-120)

- o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Sing Choi Kee, 7 Pleasant Street, Malden (V25-147)
 - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Ramp 1- Ramp 5, Jerome Street and Cushing Avenue, Boston (V25-158)
 - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Beacon Street Apartments, 1017 Beacon Street, Brookline (V25-162)
 - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street, Warren (V25-168)
 - Exhibit- Additional Information
- Dedham High School, 140 Whiting Avenue, Dedham (C25-004)
 - o Exhibit#1- AAB 1-53
 - Exhibit#2- Elevator inspection certificates
- Salem YMCA, 1 Sewall Avenue, Salem (V25-089)
 - o Exhibit#1- AAB 1-35
 - o Exhibit#2- Slide Deck
 - o Exhibit#3- Google Street View Image
- Minutes and decisions from the September 22, 2025, meeting
 - o Exhibit- draft minutes and draft decisions