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# Board Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024, Teams Meeting

This meeting was open to the public and began at approximately 9:12 AM

Architectural Access Board member attendance:

Dawn Guarriello, Chair (DG) Elizabeth Myska (EM) Mary Mahon McCauley (MM) Kathryn Denis (KD) Pamela Daly (PD) Joe Prochilo (JP)

Division of Occupational Licensure Employees attendance:

William Joyce – AAB Executive Director (WJ)

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel (JaD)

Andrew Chase – Compliance Officer (AC)

Molly Griffin – Program Coordinator (MG)

DG opened the meeting for Roll Call:

KD, PD, MM, EM, JP (joins late)

1. 9:13 AM V24-201 830 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents

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WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance: Motion to Grant as proposed by KD  $2^{nd}$  by PD Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions – Motion Passes

2. 9:22 AM V24-202 373 Northampton Street, Boston Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Motion to Grant with usual conditions by PD

2<sup>nd</sup> by MM

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

3. 9:23 AM V24-203 2 and 6 Powder Mill Road, Acton Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Motion to Grant with usual conditions for Group 1 units by PD

2<sup>nd</sup> by KD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

Motion to Deny Group 2 request by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

## 4. 9:28 AM

V24-205

56 Hatch Street, Marshfield

Exhibit – Variance Application and associated documents

WJ presented documentation – Discussion of Variance:

Motion to Continue for a feasibility study and cost evaluation of relocating the toilet to comply by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by MM

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

#### 5. 9:31 AM

V24-206

402 Main Street, Greenfield

Exhibit- Variance application and associated documents

WJ presented documentation- Discussion of Variance

Motion to Grant as proposed by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

Motion to Find that the accessible parking is not on the shortest accessible route to the accessible entrance by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD-yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

6. 9:37 AM V24-207 703 Washington Street, Holliston WJ presented documentation- Variance Application and associated documents

Motion to Continue for more information regarding vertical signage at the on-street parking spaces and if the street is level at those spaces (cross-slope measurements adjacent to the spaces) by MM

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

7. 9:45 AM V24-208 85 Devonshire Street, Boston

WJ presented documentation- Variance Application and associated documents

Motion to Grant by PD

2<sup>nd</sup> by KD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG- yes

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Motion to Continue for a reasonable accommodation policy for people who cannot access laundry or trash on their floor by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG -yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

## 10:00 AM Hearing

C12-033 & V13-076 & V17-266

MBTA Annual Update

DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Participants Laura Brelsford, Christopher Brennan (Chief of Capital Delivery), Lynsey Heffernan, Thomas McGee (Chair of MBTA Board of Directors), Sam Zhou (Chief Engineer), Desiree Patrice (Capital Programs), Maribel Kelly (Dept. Chief of Capital Delivery), Lonny Fidaglo (Capital Delivery), Matt Conover (GLT Team), Mike Malia (Capital Strategy), Rob Sampson (System-wide Accessibility), and Michael Muehe of the BCIL are sworn in. Exhibit #1 AAB 1-32 is noted. Exhibit #2 a slide deck is noted. Laura Brelsford begins an overview of the presentation. Tom McGee, the new Board Chair for the MBTA Board of Directors gives a brief statement. Lynsey Heffernan gives updates on investment planning. Christopher Brennan discusses some challenges facing project delivery. Laura Brelsford gives an overview of accessibility system wide and their next steps looking ahead to 2025. Discussions and questions of Hearing:

Michael Muehe of the BCIL comments and asks how the MBTA is working to make the system more climate-resilient, especially for the disability community using the MBTA.

Motion to Accept the annual report as presented by MM

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

DG-yes

1:00 PM Hearing

C19-093

631 North Street, Pittsfield

DG opened the hearing, introduced the Board, and established procedures. Participants Thomas Brown representing Family Dollar and Andrew Chase are sworn in. Exhibit #1 AAB 1-124 is noted Andrew Chase gives a brief background on this case. Thomas Brown gives a brief statement on behalf of Family Dollar, and notes he is here to take advice from the Board to bring back to Family Dollar. Discussions and questions of Hearing:

Motion to Find the complaint valid by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Continue for Family Dollar to provide a written policy regarding this issue which would include a training for employees and to receive this within 60 days from receipt of the decision by PD

2<sup>nd</sup> by KD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

Newton

WJ Presented documentation- Variance Application and associated documents

Motion to Waive 2 week waiting period by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by JP

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention- Motion Passes

Motion to Grant to complete the work in March with a status update by February 15<sup>th</sup>, on the condition that they are clear on their website by that they will not be accessible during this time, and that they allow customers to order online and that the restaurant brings the orders to the door of the building or to a consumer's car during this time by MM

2<sup>nd</sup> by KD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

9. 1:37 PM

C23-056

1296 Worcester Road, Framingham

WJ Presented documentation- Update/ Elevator Log

Motion to Find based on the evidence that the elevator is not working based on inconsistent service and Order petitioner to take all necessary steps to correct it by MM

2<sup>nd</sup> by KD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

10. 1:43 PM V23-069 200 Quannapowitt Parkway, Wakefield WJ Presented- Documentation- Amended Application **KD** Recuses Motion to Continue for more information for which outlets they are seeking relief on by PD 2<sup>nd</sup> by JP Roll Call Vote KD- recuses PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes JP- yes DG- yes 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes 11. 1:46 PM C22-050 & V24-046 11 East Newton Street, Boston WJ Presented Documentation- Amended Application Motion to Grant with the condition that they provide information on why the delay occurred and notes the Board is not inclined to grant further extensions by KD 2<sup>nd</sup> by PD Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes JP- yes DG- yes 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes 12. 1:54 PM V24-054 1 Woolley Circle, South Hadley WJ Presented Documentation- Additional Information Motion to Grant as proposed by KD 2<sup>nd</sup> by JP Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes JP- yes DG- yes

13. 1:57 PM V24-116 235 Pleasant Street, Marblehead WJ Presented Documentation- Additional Information Motion to Accept proof of compliance by PD 2<sup>nd</sup> by JP Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes JP- yes DG- yes 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes C21-013 & V24-141 14. 2:02 PM 139 Pleasant Street, Marblehead WJ Presented Documentation- Additional Information Motion to Schedule a Hearing by MM 2<sup>nd</sup> by JP Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes JP- yes DG- yes 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes 15. 2:12 PM V24-145 467 Moody Street, Waltham WJ Presented Documentation- Amended Application/Additional Documentation Motion to Grant as proposed by KD 2<sup>nd</sup> by MM Roll Call Vote KD- yes PD- yes MM- yes EM- yes JP- yes DG- yes

Motion to Grant by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by JP

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- ves

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

# 19. 2:33 PM V24-190 44 Winter Street, Dorchester

WJ Presented Documentation- Additional Information

Motion to Grant by PD

2<sup>nd</sup> by JP

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

#### 20. 2:36 PM

C24-024 & V24-192

17 Court Street, Boston

WJ Presented Documentation- Amended Application

Motion to Grant by MM

2<sup>nd</sup> by JP

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

## 21. 2:41 PM

Minutes and Decisions

Motion to Accept minutes and decisions by KD

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- abstain

EM- yes

JP- abstain

DG- yes

## 22. 2:43 PM

**Advisory Opinion** 

WJ Presented Documentation- Advisory Opinion

**KD** Recuses

Motion to Find that when power is shut off briefly for an emergency the doors with auto-door openers remain compliant with the exception to 26.6.1 by MM

2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Roll Call Vote

KD- recuse

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

#### 23. 2:57 PM

**BHA Staff Request** 

Motion to Authorize a letter by JP

2<sup>nd</sup> by MM

Roll Call Vote

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions- Motion Passes

## 24. 3:06 PM

Motion to Adjourn by JP

2<sup>nd</sup> by KD

Roll Call

KD- yes

PD- yes

MM- yes

EM- yes

JP- yes

DG- yes

# Respectfully submitted, Molly Griffin, Program Coordinator

#### **Exhibit List**

- Supercon, 830 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury (V24-201)
  - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Residential Building, 373 Northampton Street, Boston (V24-202)
  - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Powder Mill, 2 Powder Mill Road Building #1 & 6 Powder Mill Road Building #2, Acton (V24-203)
  - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- South River School, 56 Hatch Street, Marshfield (V24-205)
  - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Leavitt-Hovey House, 402 Main Street, Greenfield (V24-206)
  - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Holliston Town Hall Parking Lot, 703 Washington Street, Holliston (V24-207)
  - o Exhibit Variance Application and associated documents
- Residential Building, 85 Devonshire Street, Boston (V24-208)
  - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Café St. Petersburg, 57 Union Street, Newton (V24-214)
  - o Exhibit- Variance Application and associated documents
- Water View Village, 1296 Worcester Road, Framingham (C23-056)
  - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Mixed Use Residential, 200 Quannapowitt Parkway, Wakefield (V23-069)
  - o Exhibit- Amended Application
- Franklin Square Apartments, 11 East Newton Street, Boston (C22-050 & V24-046)
  - o Exhibit- Amended Application
- Mary Woolley Hall, 1 Woolley Circle, South Hadley (V24-054)
  - o Exhibit- Amended Application and associated documents
- Abbot Public Library, 235 Pleasant Street, Marblehead (V24-116)
  - o Exhibit- Amended Application and associated documents
- Mixed Use Building, 139 Pleasant Street, Marblehead (C21-013 & V24-141)
  - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Deep Ellum Restaurant, 467 Moody Street, Waltham (V24-145)
  - o Exhibit- Amended Application and associated documents
- Service Federal Credit Union, 199 Worcester Court, Falmouth (C19-025 & V24-161)
  - o Exhibit- Proof of Compliance
- Warren Recreation Center, 90 Washington Street, Wellesley (V24-162)
  - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- School Building, 2 Hamilton Street, Taunton (V24-185)
  - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- BFD Engine 17, 44 Winter Street, Dorchester (V24-190)
  - o Exhibit- Additional Information
- Advisory Opinion- Auto Door Openers at stairs
  - o Exhibit- Advisory Opinion
- Staff Request

- MBTA Annual Update (C12-033 & V13-076) & (V17-266)
  - o Exhibit #1- AAB 1-32
  - o Exhibit #2- slide deck
- Family Dollar, 631 North Street, Pittsfield (C19-093)
  - o Exhibit #1- AAB 1-124
- Minutes to approve from December 2, 2024
  - o December 2, 2024, minutes