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**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**Geotechnical Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting Minutes**

January 12, 2022

The Division of Professional Licensure Office  
1000 Washington Street - Boston, MA 02118

*This was a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting.*

**Roll Call, by GAC Chair:**

Chris Erikson, Chair  
Scott DiFiore  
John Roma  
Michael Oakland  
Damian Siebert

present  absent  
 present  absent  
 present  absent  
 present  absent  
 present  absent

Martin Rodick  
Jake McManus  
James Christensen  
William Solberg  
Rob Anderson

present  absent  
 present  absent  
 present  absent  
 present  absent  
 present  absent

**General notes on format of these minutes**

- *These minutes represent general points discussed during the meeting. The minutes are **not** intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*
- *Topics as numbered may\ may not be in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*
- *The meeting agenda is listed as **EXHIBIT A**; others are listed sequentially as addresses during the meeting.*

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1. **Review minutes for the GAC December 15, 2021 meeting (EXHIBIT B).**

On a **MOTION** by Chris Erikson, seconded by Damian Siebert, it was unanimously agreed, by **Roll Call Vote**, to approve the minutes with the following correction:

Correct spelling of the following names Cord to *Kord* and Sonja to *Sonia*.

2. **Discuss proposed amendments and new content of 2021 IBC, Chapter 18, for inclusion in the Tenth Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code (780 CMR).**

**Ground Improvement.** This meeting was convened to take a final look at proposed Chapter 18 revisions, most particularly ground improvement requirements, prior to submitting to members of the BBRS for review during their February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Committee members indicated that they were satisfied the final draft. However, John Roma reminded members that he would still like to consider factor of safety reduction to 2.25 regarding the dynamic testing of piles. Rob Anderson explained that committee members may continue to offer changes to the proposed code up to and through the public hearing that will be convene towards mid-year.



Chairman Erikson asked members to reserve March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. for a possible follow-up meeting.

3. **Discuss: Matters not reasonably anticipated 2 business days in advance of meeting.**  
None.

4. **Approve: Adjourning the meeting.**

On a **MOTION** by Chris Erikson seconded by Damian Siebert, **by Roll Call Vote**, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 10:45 am.

#### **Exhibits.**

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- A. Meeting Agenda
- B. January 12, 2022 GAC Draft Meeting Minutes.
- C. Proposed Ground Improvement Language.
- D. International Building Code (IBC), Chapter 18 January Draft (*modified as a **WORD** document for clarity*).