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**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A § 20, notice is hereby given that the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) convened a regular monthly meeting and public hearing in accordance with G.L. c143 § 97 on:

January 14, 2025 10 am – 2 pm

Virtual Meeting Minutes Meeting called into order at 10:01 a.m.

Lisa Davey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Tarica Leskiw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
David Riquinha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Luke McKneally	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Michael McDowell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Atiya Rahim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
John Couture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Sy Nguyen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Jeffrey Clemons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Sarah Wilkinson, or designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Jason Ferschke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Jon Davine, or designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Darien Crimmin	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent	Elizabeth Mahony, or designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

**1. Review / Vote BBRS Minutes from 12/02/2024, 12/10/2024, BOCC Minutes from 12/03/2024, 12/06/2024.**

Jacob Nunnemacher made a motion to approve the BBRS Minutes from 12/02/2024 with minor amendments regarding attendance, seconded by Michael McDowell. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Luke McKneally made a motion to approve the BBRS minutes from 12/10/2024 with amendments seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously with Lisa Davey abstaining from the vote due to her absence.

Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to approve the BOCC Minutes from 12/03/2024 and 12/06/2024 seconded by David Riquinha. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously

**2. Review / Discuss Board Counsel Report**

Board Counsel Charles Kilb informed the BBRS that, upon request, he researched whether the new vendor for construction supervisor licenses would allow old material in the exam center. He reported back that it has been confirmed that they would allow materials in the exam center for any past building code. He noted that this would be done at the candidate's own risk, as the examination is based on the 10<sup>th</sup> edition. He also added the candidate information bulletin has been updated to reflect that allowance because of staff's inquiry.



The chair indicated she would allow a member of the public to address the BBRS.

John Nunnari inquired if there is a backup plan if the emergency regulations extended the concurrency period are not issued in time.

Board Counsel Charles Kilb responded by stating that, while he was not heading this regulation change, it was his understanding that final approvals were obtained and that within the next week or two the final paperwork is going to be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth making the emergency regulations permanent. As a result, he indicated that no back up plans would be required.

Ian Finlayson asked for an update on the A2L amendment process. Board Counsel Charles Kilb reported that it is currently in progress with internal reviews, he will provide an update when he has one.

### **3. Review / Discuss Report from BOCC Designee**

Andrew Bobola informed members that the BOCC certification committee met on January 7, 2025. There was an annual election held, and Mike Giampietro is still the BOCC Chair with John Naff continuing as the BOCC Vice Chair.

Andrew Bobola reported there was one hearing which was approved. Mr. Bobola mentioned BOCC Board Counsel is developing a policy to allow reciprocity under certain conditions regarding out of state applicants.

### **4. Review / Discuss Executive Director Report**

- a. Construction Supervisor License totals for the month of December 2024  
Executive Director Chris Rogers reported there was 166 CSL licenses issued and processed 1,210 renewals.
- b. Construction Supervisor License Waivers/Reinstatements  
Executive Director Chris Rogers reported there was 1 reinstatement request granted, and 2 continuing education waivers issued.

### **5. Discuss Status of Subcommittees**

- a. 11th Edition Subcommittee  
Lisa Davey mentioned they are making good progress and still have a few meetings before providing anything to the BBRS.
- b. Solar Setback Subcommittee  
Luke Mckneally informed members they are continuing to work through the solar setback language and working to provide the recommendations to the BBRS after a few more meetings.

### **6. Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting**

Michael McDowell requested that the BBRS have a discussion at a future meeting about recent changes regarding accessory dwelling units. He indicated that it was his understanding that accessory dwelling units may assist in creating new affordable housing but that impediments such as zoning may have made using these units difficult. Board Counsel Charles Kilb addressed the BBRS, he indicated that there was a recent law change which largely affected zoning and did not override matters within the BBRS' jurisdiction. He indicated that information regarding this law change can be provided for the BBRS.

Ian Finlayson indicated that DOER has been working on changes to the stretch code and specialized stretch codes. He indicated that he would like to provide a presentation to the BBRS on these changes.

### **Adjournment**

Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:45 am seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Items Relied Upon

Agenda

Draft minutes