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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:

December 10, 2024

10 am – 2 pm

Virtual Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:

Lisa Davey	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" 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 10/21/24, 11/12/24, BOCC Minutes from 11/05/24, and BCAB Minutes from 09/05/24, 09/17/24, 10/03/24, 10/22/24, 11/07/24, 11/19/24.
Michael McDowell made a motion to approve meeting minutes listed in item 1 on the agenda seconded by Jeffrey Clemons. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Review \Discuss Board Counsel Report
Board Counsel Charles Kilb reported that code changes on refrigerants would need to go through the full regulation approval process. He also answered a question regarding the concurrency period, he indicated his understanding that those regulations, which were voted on by the BBRS at a special meeting, will be approved and finalized in a timely manner.
3. Review \Discuss Report from BOCC Designee
Andrew Bobola informed members the certification committee met on December 3, 2024. During that meeting he stated there was one appeal hearing for an exam denial decision, which was approved. He also reported there were 7 New Employee Report Forms submitted and 5 got approved with 2 tabled for additional info. 5 Apps for Certification all got approved and no extension for time request were submitted. 21 Form A's all got approved with amendments as well as 46 Form B's. 11 examination approval packets, 9 were approved 2 were denied for lack of 5 years construction supervisor experience.
4. Review \Discuss Executive Director Report
Christopher Rogers Informed members the BOCC agreed to form a delegation policy to expedite review CEU submittals for this current licensing cycle that ends 12/31/24. He indicated that the



delegation was needed to address the number of building officials not renewed before the 12/31/24 expiration date.

- a. Construction Supervisor License totals for the month of November
Christopher Rogers reported that there were 120 issued 1,240 renewals processed.
 - b. Construction Supervisor License Waivers/Reinstatements
Christopher Rogers reported that there was 1 reinstatement, and 3 waivers processed.
 - c. BBRS 2025 Meeting Dates
Christopher Rogers provided a document which shows the dates for the BBRS 2025 meetings.
5. Discuss Status of Subcommittees
 - a. 11th Edition Subcommittee
John Nunnari who is a member of the 11th edition subcommittee reported that they will provide recommendations soon for the BBRS to review and consider in the next coming months. Legal counsel Charles Kilb added that the subcommittee created a code change tracking log and is working on how to handle public comments moving forward.

Ian Finlayson inquired about reconfiguring the Energy Advisory Subcommittee. He also asked about the subcommittee that did work on the flood mitigation standards and making that a potential task for the Climate Resilience Subcommittee proposed by EEA. In response, Charles Kilb mentioned the 11th edition procedure Subcommittee will be recommending the board take a comprehensive approach to reviewing all subcommittees both existing and new to clarify their roles and responsibilities. He stated this review is intended to be part of the broader process being developed by the 11th Edition subcommittee.
 - b. Solar Setback Subcommittee
Luke Mckneally reported that they are making progress with the solar setback language and hoping in the next meeting or 2 they can provide a proposal to the BBRS.
6. Discuss / Vote MMA Recommendation for Anthony Marino to BOCC
Anthony Marino was present for today's meeting and gave a brief background of his work experience as a building official and construction supervision. After a brief discussion Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to approve Mr. Marino as the representative from the MMA to the Building Official Certification Committee, seconded by Michael McDowell. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously
7. Discuss / Vote Masonry Heater Code Change Proposal
Joshua Myrvaagnes was present to discuss his code change proposal which had been presented to the BBRS at the November meeting. He indicated that the language proposed was utilized in the city of Portland, Oregon and that the solid fuel heating provided is a much more efficient way to heat a home. He also indicated his opinion that it is safe and uses a lot less fuel than a conventional wood stove. Mr. Myrvaagnes added that it is similar to a masonry heater, but this version is less expensive to build.

David Riquinha asked John Couture if this sort of design is in the national building codes. Mr. Couture stated the Brick Institute of America has some standards utilized within the ICC building codes. However, Mr. Couture raised concerns with retrofitting the parts for this heater which could lead to potential fires. He said there are enough safety concerns that he would have a difficult time supporting Mr. Myrvaagnes code amendment but that it should first go through a third party standards association such as the Masonry Institute.

Jacob Nunnemacher stated the current code change proposal needs to be more specific to allow this version of the heater to be approved. He added he would like to see more in-depth proposal moving forward.

John Couture made a motion to deny the code change proposal for masonry heaters by Joshua Myrvaagnes seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

Members inquired regarding the upcoming new construction supervisor examination effective in January. Specifically, they wished to know if older reference materials would be allowed in the testing center. Jeff Clemons commented that he believes the 2015 Code Books should be allowed for use during testing and would be adequate. Staff will report back on this issue at the next meeting.

The Executive Director reported that DOL will be moving in March of 2025 to One Federal St. Boston MA.

Adjournment

Jacob Nunnemacher made a motion to adjourn meeting at 11:01am seconded by John Couture. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Items Relied Upon

Agenda

Draft minutes

Masonry Heater Code Change Proposal