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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:

December 02, 2024 10 am – 1 pm Virtual Special Meeting Minutes Meeting called into order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:

Lisa Davey	[x] present	[] absent	Tarica Leskiw	[] present	[x] absent
David Riquinha	[] present	[x] absent	Luke McKneally	[x] present	[] absent
Michael McDowell	[x] present	[] absent	Atiya Rahim	[] present	[x] absent
John Couture	[x] present	[] absent	Sy Nguyen	[x] present	[] absent
Jeffrey Clemons	[x] present	[] absent	Sarah Wilkinson, or designee	[x] present	[] absent
Jason Ferschke	[x] present	[] absent	Jon Davine, or designee	[x] present	[] absent
Darien Crimmin	[] present	[x] absent	Elizabeth Mahony, or designee	[x] present	[] absent

1. Public Hearing per M.G.L. c. 30A to consider amendments to 780 CMR 1.00 and 51.00

Lisa Davey opened the hearing with an opening statement, she reported that the purpose of the hearing was for members of the public to comment on changes to the Massachusetts State building Code 780 CMR. Specifically, she indicated the sole regulation to be discussed is the end date of the concurrency period during which either the 9th or 10th editions of the code could be utilized. As proposed for the hearing, the end of the concurrency period would be June 30th, 2025. Lisa Davey gave attendees an opportunity to speak about the proposal. Three attendees spoke:

- 1. John Nunnari stated the American Institute of Architects supports the change to the concurrency period.
- 2. Richard Crowley supports the change to the concurrency period.
- 3. Guy Webb supports the change to the concurrency period.

Lisa Davey informed members and the public that the Board received letters in support of extending the concurrency period from the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, Home Builders and

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Remodelers Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and Commercial Real Estate Development Association of Massachusetts, NAIOP.

Once all attendees had an opportunity to testify and no other individuals sought to address the BBRS, the chair concluded the hearing.

2. Discuss / Vote Amendments to 780 CMR 1.00 and 51.00

The chair noted that this portion of the agenda would allow the BBRS to take a final vote on the code changes. Prior to calling to a vote, she asked if any members had any comments.

Jeffrey Clemens inquired about the effect of the concurrency period on periodic inspections for short-term rentals, which are included in the 10th edition but not the 9th edition. He also inquired regarding which energy conservation code is applicable.

Legal counsel Charles Kilb addressed the BBRS to respond. While he indicated he would research the matter further, he indicated it was his understanding that periodic inspections are driven by applications, thus applicants would be able benefit from the concurrency period while pending. Regarding the energy code, counsel noted that the BBRS would need to review the next edition of the base code soon, but for purposes of the concurrency period, installers in base code communities could follow the ninth edition until the concurrency period ends. Therefore, counsel noted that for the near future. Massachusetts effectively has four energy codes, two base and two stretch.

Thereafter, the chair asked if there were any other comments. Hearing none, she called for a vote.

Michael McDowell made a motion to finalize the regulations governing the concurrency period to end June 30th, 2025 as drafted. This motion was seconded by John Couture. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously with each member voting yes.

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

No matters were raised.

Adjournment

Michael McDowell made a motion to adjourn meeting at 10:31am seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Items Relied upon
Agenda
Draft regulations
Written public comments