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BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS
Public Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024 @ 12 p.m. until approximately 2 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM

Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:

David Riquinha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent	Tarica Leskiw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Lisa Davey	<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

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. BBRS meeting minutes for April 9, 2024

Lisa Davey made a motion to approve the BBRS meeting minutes for April 9, 2024. John Couture seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. BOCC meeting minutes for April 2, 2024

Lisa Davey made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes for April 2, 2024. John Couture seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. BCAB meeting minutes for April 4, 2024, April 16, 2024, and May 2, 2024.

Lisa Davey made a motion to approve the BCAB meeting minutes for April 4, 2024, April 16, 2024, and May 2, 2024. John Couture seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion

a. Ratify final draft of the 10th edition encompasses all prior votes

Counsel shared a word version of the 10th edition for the Board to utilize in fixing any typographical edits to the final draft. Members thereafter were able to identify non-substantive corrections:



Luke McNealy presented a series of typographical errors in the energy code section, all were added by counsel to the draft during discussion.

Kristin McDonough noted an error in a table located in Section 428: Laboratory suites, the change was added by counsel to the draft during discussion.

Kristin McDonough noted an additional correction needed in which language for determining substantial improvements or repairs in relation to flood requirements had been added to amendments to the IBC and IRC, but not included in the IEBC modifications. A motion was made by Ian Finlayson and seconded by Michael McDowell for counsel to align these chapters. This motion was adopted unanimously, by a vote of 13 to 0.

Having completed its review, the Chair called for a final vote.

Lisa Davey then made a motion to ratify the final draft of the 10th edition, encompassing all prior votes. Luke McKneally seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken where David Riquinha voted yes, Lisa Davey voted yes, Michael McDowell voted yes, John Couture voted yes, Jeffrey Clemens voted no, Jason Ferschke abstained, Tarica Leskiw voted yes, Luke McKneally voted yes, Atiya Rahim voted yes, Sy Nguyen voted yes. Richard Baldacci voted yes, Kristen McDonough voted yes, Ian Finlayson voted yes. The motion passed 11-1, with 1 abstention.

- b. Public Hearing pursuant to MGL c.143, s.97 – no petitions submitted by March 2024, deadline
As no submissions were provided before the deadline of the public hearing for the 9th edition, no action or discussion was taken on this item.

- c. MFBO Recommendation for Appointment to BOCC

As the appointee was not in attendance at this meeting, this item was tabled for a future meeting.

3. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Charles Kilb will now take the final steps to ratify the 10th edition, including following internal administrative processes and performing the final file of the 10th edition at the Secretary of State's office.

4. Report from BOCC Designee

Andrew Bobola informed the board of the voting outcomes of the last BOCC meeting, and informed the Board that the next BOCC meeting would be June 4th, 2024, in Wrentham.

5. Executive Director Report

- a. Construction Supervisor License totals for the month of April

There were 225 CSLs issued, 1653 CSLs renewed, 0 CSL reinstated in the month of April.

- b. Construction Supervisor License Waivers/Reinstatements

6 CSL waivers have been approved in the past month.

c. Status of Subcommittees

Staff will resume scheduling subcommittee meetings such as the Inspector Continuing Education Subcommittee and the CORI Subcommittee as the 10th edition has been ratified.

6. Elections

David Riquinha nominated Lisa Davey to the position of Chair. No other board members were nominated. Lisa Davey was unanimously voted to hold the position of Chair of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards for one year.

John Couture nominated David Riquinha to the position of Vice Chair. No other board members were nominated. David Riquinha was unanimously voted to hold the position of Vice Chair to the Board of Building Regulations and Standards for one year.

7. Other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

A question of timing related to updating testing for building officials and CSLs was inquired of by Micheal McDowell. Staff confirmed that testing and onboarding were on track to be updated to the 10th edition prior to the end of the concurrency period end date of January 1, 2025.

Luke McKneally and members of the public asked staff how the process of petitioning changes the 10th edition to include additional amendments would work. Board Counsel informed the board that any emergency amendments or amendments to be reviewed in the 11th edition can be discussed more in depth on the agenda of the next BBRS meeting.

A question of if the advisory committees for the BBRS were fully staffed was raised. It was noted that this matter will be addressed at the next BBRS meeting.

Ian Finlayson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Luke McKneally seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.