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**STATE BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS
AND STANDARDS NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

July 8, 2025 @ 10 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m.

Lisa Davey	☒ present ☐ absent	Tarica Leskiw	☒ present ☐ absent
David Riquinha	☒ present ☐ absent	Luke McKneally	☐ present ☒ absent
Michael McDowell	☒ present ☐ absent	Atiya Rahim	☒ present ☐ absent
John Couture	☒ present ☐ absent	Sy Nguyen	☒ present ☐ absent
Jeffrey Clemons	☒ present ☐ absent	Sarah Wilkinson, or designee (Ross Seavey)	☒ present ☐ absent
Jason Ferschke	☒ present ☐ absent	Jon Davine, or designee (Jake Nunnemacher)	☒ present ☐ absent
Darien Crimmin	☒ present ☐ absent	Elizabeth Mahony, or designee (Becca Edson)	☒ present ☐ absent
Vineet Nair	☒ present ☐ absent		

1. **Review / Vote** BBRS Minutes from June 10, 2025
Michael McDowell made a motion to approve the BBRS minutes from 6/10/25, seconded by John Couture. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Review / Discuss** Board Counsel Report
Senior Board Counsel Charles Kilb did not have anything to report.
3. **Review / Discuss** Report from BOCC Designee
No BOCC designee present. BOCC July meeting canceled.
4. **Review / Discuss** Executive Director Report
 - a) Construction Supervisor License
 - (1) Totals for the month of June 2025 including waivers and reinstatements Executive Director Tammy Gropman reported Construction Supervisor License totals for the month of June 2025 were 167 issued, 1327 renewed and 2 reinstatements.
 - b) Update on 11th edition
Executive Director Tammy Gropman noted three of the subcommittees for the 11th edition building code are close to being fully appointed with the goal of beginning at the end of July 2025 or beginning of August 2025. The Executive Director further noted that the BOCC will not be holding



a regular monthly July meeting, however, is having a special meeting to discuss individuals with expired building official certifications.

Chair Lisa Davey indicated that with regards to subcommittees, there were some outstanding vacancies and sought recommendations for anyone with connections within greenhouse manufacturing or agricultural industry who may be interested in serving on a subcommittee.

Michael McDowell asked Executive Director Tammy Gropman for an update on the Construction Supervisor licensing test passing rate, if there was a fee voucher for test retakers, and if there was any update on the engineering questions on the CSL test.

5. Discuss Regulations Review from Governor

Commissioner Sarah Wilkinson reported on the request for a review of regulations from Governor Healey as part of the Mass Means Business initiative. This initiative aims to reduce business costs by eliminating outdated requirements and regulations so businesses can compete and thrive better in Massachusetts. She requested DOL's boards undertake a broad scale review of regulations related to professional licensure and business.

John Couture asked if it would be possible to extend the construction supervisor license cycle from 4 years to 2 years. However, Commissioner Wilkinson cited pushback for this idea from the Comptroller's office due to budget necessities.

Senior Board Counsel Charles Kilb noted the Commissioner highlighted 780 CMR 110.R7 regarding building official certification as a possible area ripe for the Governor's initiative. He recommended the BBRS refer the matter to the BOCC which would be well situated to craft appropriate changes.

Jacob Nunnemacher made a motion to refer a review of 780 CMR 110.R7 to the BOCC, seconded by Jeffery Clemons. The vote passed unanimously.

The Chair noted that if there are any other regulation changes to be considered in response to the Governor's request, they should be sent to Chair Lisa Davey, copying Executive Director Tammy Gropman.

6. Discuss/Vote Carbon Monoxide Detectors Code Change Proposal from 5/13/25

Jacob Nunnemacher was called on by the chair to provide a report of his research relating to a carbon monoxide code change proposal first reviewed in May, which as originally constructed would have replaced ICC references to NFPA 720 with 527 CMR 1.00: 13.7. Specifically, Mr. Nunnemacher indicated the reference to 527 CMR 1.00 was not recommended but he was reviewing whether there were distinctions between the 2015 edition of NFPA 720 and the 2019 Edition of NFPA 72. He indicated the changes between NFPA 720 and NFPA 72 were very minor but advocated updating NFPA 720 references to NFPA 72 to avoid confusion.

Members discussed whether there was any urgency to address this issue. Staff noted that they were unaware of anyone flagging this as a problem. Legal counsel further noted that as the code change process is extensive and time consuming, he strongly recommended a special code change only be undertaken if meaningful. He further noted that it may be appropriate to send this matter to the FPPF committee to consider among its 11th edition changes.

John Couture made a motion to send this to the FPPF subcommittee. Sy Nguyen seconded this motion. A roll call vote was conducted; the motion passed by majority vote.

No vote (4) = Jake Nunnemacher, Jason Ferschke, Jeff Clemons, Tarica Leskiw.

Abstention = none.

Yes vote (10) = Lisa Davey, David Riquinha, Michael McDowell, John Couture, Darien Crimmin, Atiya Rahim, Sy Nguyen, Ross Seavey, Becca Edson, Vineet Nair

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

Chair Lisa Davey informed members that the chair of the BBRS has been given a seat on a new entity known as the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council. The goal of this council is to reduce embodied carbon within the municipal and public agency projects. Lisa Davey appointed a designee, Patrick Kenney.

It was noted that the Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council is not under DOL and apparently does not hold open public meetings. However, it does periodically hold public hearings, and the dates can be viewed on the Commonwealth's website when searching Carbon Intergovernmental Council.

Executive Director Tammy Gropman reminded the members that there will be no August BBRS meeting and introduced the newest BBRS Member, Vineet Nair will be filling the role of registered professional engineer who is a mechanical engineer. Vineet Nair comes from the pharmaceutical biotech industry and was the previous president for the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Ventilation.

8. **Quasi-judicial session** per M.G.L. c 30A, s. 18 (closed to the public) – n/a

Adjournment

At 11:01 Michael McDowell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher and was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

ITEMS RELIED ON

Agenda

Draft Minutes 6/10/25

Carbon Monoxide Proposal

Letter from Governor re: Mass Means Business initiative