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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:

September 10, 2024

Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.

MINUTES

Roll Call, by BBRS Chair

Lisa Davey, Chair	Present	Tarica Leskiw	Present
Dave Riquinha, Vice Chair	Present	Luke McKneally	Present
Michael McDowell	Absent	Atiya Rahim	Present
John Couture	Present	Sy Nguyen	Absent
Jeffrey Clemons	Present	Sarah Wilkinson, or designee	Present
Jason Ferschke	Present	Jon Davine, or designee -present	Present
Darien Crimmin	Absent	Elizabeth Mahony, or designee	Present

- Review / Vote** BBRS meeting minutes for July 9, 2024
Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to approve the BBRS meeting minutes from July 9, 2024. John Couture seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Review / Vote** BOCC meeting minutes from August 6, 2024
Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to approve the BOCC meeting minutes from August 6, 2024. John Couture seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Review / Vote** BCAB meeting minutes from June 6, 2024, June 18, 2024, July 11, 2024, July 23, 2024, August 1, 2024, and August 20, 2024.
Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to approve the BCAB meeting minutes from June 6, 2024, June 18, 2024, July 11, 2024, July 23, 2024, August 1, 2024, and August 20, 2024. Jake Nunnemacher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



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

Board Counsel Charles Kilb informed the BBRS that the approval process is still currently underway for the 10th edition. Once final approval is confirmed, he will handle all filings, the BBRS members will be notified of the approval when it occurs. Counsel also noted that it might be appropriate to discuss concurrency as the final approval for the 10th edition seem to be taking more time then originally anticipated.

Ian Finlayson requested an update regarding proposed amendments on refrigerants. Board Counsel Kilb reported the board could begin this process once the 10th edition is promulgated. It will be the subject of future discussions as well as DOER and others may have draft guidance which could be reviewed prior to the code changes being finalized.

5. **Review \Discuss Report from BOCC Designee- Andy Bobola**

Andy Bobola informed the board of the previous month's BOCC agenda matters discussed and voted one, which will be reflected in the BOCC meeting minutes. The BOCC member of academia seat is still vacant, and the committee would like to fill this seat.

Jeffrey Clemens inquired about building official CEU's posted on the BOCC website. Associate Deputy Commissioner Andrew Bridges reported the website is updated monthly. It is the responsibility of the building officials to check this website and ensure they are in compliance with renewal requirements. There will be no notifications sent to deficient building officials.

6. **Review \Discuss Executive Director Report- Andrew Bridges**

- a. Construction Supervisor License totals for the month of July and August
There were 320 Construction Supervisor Licenses issued, 2,065 Construction Supervisor Licenses renewed, and 0 Construction Supervisor Licenses Reinstated.

- b. Construction Supervisor License Waivers/Reinstatements
Staff continues to review the CSL Waivers and reinstatements as delegated by the board, there were 5 waivers process since the last meeting.

- c. Review Code Change Proposal Form
The Code Change Proposal form was updated based on the guidance of the 11th edition subcommittee to add the question "Why is the ICC base code language not adequate or sufficient.

Jeffrey Clemons made a motion to approve the proposed form. Luke McKneally seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Draft 10th Edition Posted on Website
Associate Deputy Commissioner Bridges reported the DRAFT 10th Edition has been posted to the BBRS section of the website.

7. **Discuss Status of Subcommittees**

- a. 11th Edition Subcommittee
Lisa Davey reported the 11th edition subcommittee has meet several times and is making progress on recommendations on how to streamline the process. The subcommittee is hoping to have this completed in the next two meetings and will bring the final proposals to the full board.

- b. Solar Setback Subcommittee

Andrew Bridges reported the solar setback subcommittee has met two times and is continuing to review the 10th edition language and the BFPR proposal for code language.

8. Discuss Letter from MA Fire Chiefs

Board Charles Kilb stated the solar setbacks subcommittee is currently working on solar setbacks, no action is required. The letter was filed by the BBRS.

9. Request pursuant to M.G.L. c. 143, s. 98 - New Bedford proposal to condition building permit issuance on adherence to local stormwater management ordinance

The chair offered anyone from New Bedford to address the BBRS, no one indicated a desired to speak. Members reviewed the proposed ordinance, during discussion it was noted that members felt the building code should not be used as an enforcement mechanism for matters not governed by the code.

John Couture made the motion to deny the proposal by the Town of New Bedford. Dave Riquinha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Dave Riquinha made a motion to adjourn meeting. Jake Nunnemacher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

Items Relied upon

Agenda

Draft minutes

Draft code change proposal form

Correspondence from MA Fire Chiefs

Draft New Bedford ordinance