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Minutes

BRS Building Code Appeals Board (BCAB)
Meeting Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams-Meeting
January 18, 2022

Meeting Called to order by the Chairman, Richard Crowley, at 9:30 a.m. followed by Roll call:

Board Members Present:

Michael McDowell
Richard Crowley, Chairman
Jake Nunnemacher

Guests Present:

See sign-in sheet for each case:

- Case Number:** 21-0124
Appellant: Paul Moan (Owner- 88NOWA LLC & West End Acquisition)
Property Address: 88 North Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02114
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 102, 504.3, 504.4 & 602.4 with respect to new construction.

Michael McDowell made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Jake Nunnemacher, to **GRANT** a variance from **780 CMR 102** to allow application of the 9th Edition of 780 CMR instead of the 8th Edition, which was in effect when the building permit was first issued for the Project. ("Motion One"). The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Michael McDowell made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Richard Crowley, to **GRANT** variances from **780 CMR 504.3, 504.4, and 602.4 (9th Edition)** to allow the use of proposed CLT elements on condition that: (1) Appellant will follow the measures represented in Exhibit 1-B and consider for guidance applicable parts of the 2021 IBC; and (2) concealed spaces will have automatic fire sprinkler protection. ("Motion Two"). It was a **TWO** to **ONE** Vote, Jake Nunnemacher was **OPPOSED**.

- Case Number:** 21-0131
Appellant: Janna Shapiro (Owner-Brickbottom IQOZB LP)
Property Address: 28 Chestnut Street, Somerville, MA. 02143
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR Table 602 and Section 705.8, with respect to new construction.



Jake Nunnemacher made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Michael McDowell, to **GRANT** variances from **780 CMR Table 602** and **Section 705.8**. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. **Case Number:** 21-0132
Appellant: Paul Moan (Owner-Oxford Property Group)
Property Address: 745 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA. 02111
Summary of Case: Appellants sought relief from 780 CMR 414.2.1, with respect to an existing building.

Jake Nunnemacher made a **MOTION** that was **SECONDED** by Michael McDowell, to **GRANT** a variance from **780 CMR 414.2.1** to allow installation of the proposed window sprinkler system in evidence, on conditions that: (1) the window sprinkler system must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet; and (2) the design of the sprinkler system for the laboratory room must be changed to meet requirements for a Hazard Classification one level more demanding than the Hazard Classification applied to the *initial* design of the room's sprinkler system. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.