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MEETING MINUTES

Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC)

McCormack Building

1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA

10th Floor, Charles River Room

October 17, 2019

1:00pm-3:00pm

1. Welcome

Patrick Lynch opened the meeting at approximately 1:08 p.m. and asked council members and staff to introduce themselves.

2. Council Members and Staff Introductions

The following board members were present at this meeting:

Lurrent Lemieux, designee for the Plumbing Board
David Sullivan, designee for the Division of Public Licensure
Cesar Lastra, designee for the Pipefitting Board
David Bragg, designee for Department of Environmental Protection
Paul Halfmann, representing the Department of Public Health
Patrick Lynch, representing the Executive Office of Administration and Finance
William Laidler, designee for the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations
Peter Ostroskey, representing Department of Fire Services
Ian Finlayson, designee for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Paul Vigneau, representing the Fire Safety Commission
Monica Passeno, representing the Attorney General's Office

- 3. Meeting Minutes: Review and approve September 11, 2019 draft meeting minutes.
 - a. On a MOTION by Mr. Vigneau, seconded by Mr. Halfmann, it was unanimously voted to approve the draft minutes for September 11, 2019 as submitted with one abstention by Mr. Lastra.

4. Old Business:

a. None

5. New Business:

- a. Review the adoption of the draft proposed revisions to 527 CMR 12.00, Massachusetts Electrical Code
- b. Uploaded to the flip drive October 4, 2019

Mr. Laidler mentioned the five major new amendments, two of which will financially help the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Emergency feeders and conductors no longer need to achieve 100% selective coordination, which is almost impossible. The proposal is to lower the selective coordination percentage to 95%. This will make it more practical and save the people of the Commonwealth money.

The National Electrical Code mandated that any outlet put in was raised from 120v to 250v to ground; for example air conditioners, the disconnect on the outside the air condenser must be GICF protected. Laidler explained the recommendation for deleting GFCI protection 120v to 250v.

On a motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Lastra, the board unanimously voted to accept the proposed revisions to 527 CMR 12.00, Massachusetts Electrical Code with the understanding that the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations continues to work with the Division of Professional Licensure to solve any issues that may come up.

6. Any additional matters not reasonably anticipated by the co-chairs two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

7. Adjourn

On a MOTION by Mr. Vigneau, seconded by Marshal Ostroskey, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 1:23 p.m.

Submitted by:

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