

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Elevator Regulations December 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**1000 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02118
1st Floor – Room 1D**

Board Members Present:

Eric Morse
David Morgan
Christopher Towski
David Gaudet
Thomas McDermott

Division of Occupational Licensure Staff:

Peter M. Kelley
Ruthy Barros

Board Members Absent:

Brian Ronan
Neil Mullane

Guests Present:

Fredric Wilkins
Kevin Swanson
Bruce Hampton
Claudio Carius

The Board discussed the following:

- 1. 620 Laurel Street, Lee [Exhibit 1]
State ID's: 150-P-21 and 150-P-22
524 CMR §2.8.3.3
Petitioner: Frantz Thimot**

Petitioner is seeking a variance from 524 CMR §2.8.3.3, to install sprinklers in hoistway and machine room to comply with CMS mandate and avoid denial of payment for admissions. A motion was made by Eric Morse to place the request on hold for 30 days, to allow the petitioner time to gather additional information and request the petitioner and elevator contractor be present at the next available Board meeting. The motion was seconded by David Morgan.

Motion: Eric Morse

Seconded: David Morgan

Vote: 5-0; Placed on hold for 30 days.

- 2. 184 Main Street, Fairhaven [Exhibit 2]**

State ID: 94-P-18
524 CMR §2.8.3.3
Petitioner: Christine Stewart

Petitioner is seeking a variance from 524 CMR §2.8.3.3, to install sprinklers in hoistway and machine room to comply with CMS mandate and avoid denial of payment for admissions. A motion was made by Eric Morse to place the request on hold for 30 days, to allow the petitioner time to gather additional information and request the petitioner and elevator contractor be present at the next available Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Thomas McDermott.

Motion: Eric Morse
Seconded: Thomas McDermott
Vote: 5-0; Placed on hold for 30 days.

3. **148 Shawmut Street, Chelsea [Exhibit 3 and 3A]**
State ID: 57-L-167
ASME 18.1 §2.7
Petitioner: Fredric Wilkins

The petitioner was in front of the Board seeking a variance from ASME 18.1 §2.7.1, for a total rise of 19'-11 ¼". The petitioner stated that the existing lift is no longer functioning and needs to be replaced. The petitioner provided plans from 2004 and stated that the building is historic. The petitioner testified that the expansion of the existing platform lift shaft to meet current elevator requirements, is not physically possible without disturbing the current uses. Finding another location for an elevator would not be practical and most likely would not meet historic register guidance. The current lift operates from basement level to the first floor, and to the second floor only and has a fire rated swing door. The total rise is 19'-11 ¼" from basement slab to the second floor, which exceeds the 14' of maximum travel per code. A motion was made by Eric Morse to deny the petitioner's request with the justification that there are code compliant options available, and the Board feels it would be unsafe to accede the safety requirement in the national code. The motion was seconded by Christopher Towski.

Motion: Eric Morse
Seconded: Christopher Towski
Vote: 5-0; Denied.

4. **Approval of meeting minutes from September 28, 2021 [Exhibit 4]**

A motion was put forth by Christopher Towski to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Morgan. **Vote: 4-0; Granted.** David Morgan abstained.

5. **Old business:**

235 Old Colony Avenue, Boston

Manufacturer: PARKPLUS

Product name: Semi-Automated Lift Sliding System LS2H1D

Petitioner was in front of the Board seeking a variance from 524 CMR § 26.07 –

Protection at other levels. Placed on hold for 30 days (December 16, 2021) to come back in front of the Board with additional information. A motion was made by David Morgan to grant an additional 30 days, to January 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Christopher Towski.

Motion: David Morgan

Seconded: Christopher Towski

Vote: 5-0; Granted.

Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski

Seconded: David Morgan

Vote: 5-0; Adjourned.

Hearing concluded at 2:45 p.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros

Exhibit List:

- Exhibit 1: Variance packet 620 Laurel Street, Lee
- Exhibit 2: Variance packet for 184 Main Street, Fairhaven
- Exhibit 3: Variance packet for 148 Shawmut Street, Chelsea
- Exhibit 3A: Architectural plans – 148 Shawmut Street
- Exhibit 4: Meeting minutes from September 28, 2021