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Minutes

**Meeting of the Subcommittee
Re: Machine Room Sprinkler Coverage**

**This meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams
May 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

Subcommittee Members Present:

Sarah Wilkinson
Christopher Towski
David Gaudet
David Morgan
Brian Ronan

Division of Professional Licensure Staff:

Peter M. Kelley
Ruthy Barros

Subcommittee Members Absent:

Cheryl Davis

The Subcommittee discussed the following:

Nominations for and election of subcommittee chair began with a motion being put forth by Christopher Towski nominating David Morgan as Chair of the Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Sarah Wilkinson.

Motion: Christopher Towski

Seconded: Sarah Wilkinson

Vote: 5-0; Chair for Subcommittee chosen.

Roll Call Vote:

• David Gaudet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Christopher Towski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Brian Ronan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Sarah Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• David Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

The Subcommittee went on to further discuss additional information/research needed so to allow continued hearings on June 22, 2021 for outstanding variance petitions. It has been brought to the Subcommittee's attention that hundreds of similar facilities across the state will be affected by the Federal regulation and are in violation of Federal funding requirements. The Subcommittee's priority is to solve this issue for the nursing homes affected by the Federal requirement. Subcommittee members expressed their concerns of sprinklers being installed in elevator machine rooms and hoistways and whether if the Board of Elevator Regulations does issue a variance from 524 CMR, would this cause other variance requests to follow. Christopher Towski was designated to research the frequency of sprinkler inspections for the machine room and hoistway, also what type of maintenance is required, CMS requirements, NFPA 101, and investigate the concept/feasibility/practicality of self-restoring sprinklers. Brian Ronan was designated to explore NFPA 13, NFPA 72, and IBEC regulatory language. David Morgan was also designated to examine NFPA 72. David Gaudet was designated to distribute information from previous MA Fire Service and BER interpretations and flow charts of shunt trip activation. The Subcommittee will continue this discussion and review.

Motion to Adjourn: Christopher Towski

Seconded: Sarah Wilkinson

Vote: 5-0; Adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:

• David Gaudet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Christopher Towski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Brian Ronan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Sarah Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• David Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

Hearing concluded at 11:50 a.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros