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**Minutes**

**Meeting of the Board of Elevator Regulations  
Special Purpose Meeting Re: Machine Room Sprinkler Coverage**

**This meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams  
June 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

David Morgan, Chairman  
Sarah Wilkinson  
Christopher Towski  
David Gaudet  
Brian Ronan

**Division of Professional Licensure Staff:**

Peter M. Kelley  
Ruthy Barros

**Board Members Absent:**

Eric Morse

**The Board discussed the following:**

The Board continued further discussion of additional information/research needed so to allow continued hearings on June 22, 2021, for outstanding variance petitions. The Board discussed possible language and thoughts that would allow some type of delay in the sprinkler system, so the elevator could get to a floor to allow the riding public, including emergency personnel, to exit the elevator. The Board agreed that heat detectors installed in compliance with all applicable codes shall be used to initiate activation of the shunt trip device. A delay in the activation of the shunt trip device to allow the elevator to complete Phase I Fire Recall will be utilized.

The Board also discussed NFPA Revisions in the 2007 edition to enhance and clarify the code included those that address suppression system inputs to the fire alarm system, emergency/voice alarm communications systems, fire alarm system interface with elevator systems, and the means to indicate central station service. Changes have also been made in Chapter 21, “Emergency Control Function Interfaces,” to address requirements for elevator recall when sprinklers are installed in elevator pits. The requirements for occupant evacuation elevators have also been completely revised to coordinate with changes being made in ASME A17.1/B44, Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators. Discussion of how multiple, substantially similar variances could be granted by DPL and/or the BER.

Variance requests would be applicable to the requirements of 524 CMR only and will not grant relief from any other regulation or statute. The applicant may require relief from other regulatory boards and a full review of other applicable regulations is necessary. Chief Sarah Wilkinson and counsel will draft a list of items the applicant will need to meet for the Technical Code Coordinator to approve this specific variance request.

**Motion to Adjourn:** David Gaudet

**Seconded:** Christopher Towski

**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
• David Morgan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay
• Sarah Wilkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yea	<input type="checkbox"/> nay

Hearing concluded at 9:59 a.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros