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Minutes

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

**This meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams
June 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present:

Eric Morse
Sarah Wilkinson
Christopher Towski
David Morgan, Chair
Brian Ronan

Division of Professional Licensure Staff:

Peter M. Kelley
Ruthy Barros

Board Members Absent:

Cheryl Davis
David Gaudet

The Board discussed the following:

The Board went on to further discuss additional information/research needed so to allow continued hearings on June 22, 2021 for outstanding variance petitions. Board members were continuing to research the language in NFPA 72, specifically regarding a timing circuit. The Board also discussed if a site-specific variance should be issued in regards to these facilities facing this Federal/State jurisdictional conflict, or if a Board “blanket” issued variance be issued. The Board proposed possibly granting the variance to install sprinklers in machine rooms, control rooms and hoistways, in accordance with the Massachusetts Guidance for Sprinklers and Elevator Equipment and the Elevator Sprinkler Protection flowchart. The flowchart covers fire sprinkler protection

requirements under IBC and NFPA 13. David Morgan purposed that the Board draft the language that would instruct an appellant on what the qualifications are. The Board will be continuing this discussion on Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Motion to Adjourn: David Morgan

Seconded: Sarah Wilkinson

Vote: 5-0; Adjourned.

Roll Call Vote:

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| • 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 9:04 a.m.

Prepared by: Ruthy Barros