

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
March 5, 2015**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

Stephen S. Burkott	Chief, Chicopee Fire Department
Anthony Caputo	Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
John J. Clancy	Inspector of Buildings in a City/Town
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
Alfonso F. Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Gary S. Keith	Representative of the Public
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Eric H. Madison	Chief, Longmeadow Fire Department
Peter J. Ostroskey	Designee of the State Fire Marshal
Andre Stallworth	Designee of the Commissioner, Boston Fire Department
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
Kevin C. Robinson	Chairman/Chief, Marshfield Fire Department
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Richard Fredette	Fire Code Administrator/Executive Director
Steven Rourke, Esq.	Board Counsel
Paul Vigneau	Director, Division of Fire Safety
Barbara DiGregorio	Division of Fire Safety

Also present were the following interested individuals (and their affiliations):

James Murphy	Department of Public Licensure
Donald Jansen	Department of Public Licensure
David S. Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
Commissioner Joseph Conant	Springfield Fire Department

Board Counsel Rourke opened the meeting at 1:01 pm and advised the Board that since the Chair was unable to attend the meeting today the appropriate thing to do would be to select a member to act as Chair Pro Tem for the purpose of presiding over the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Laidler, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Anthony Caputo as Chairman Pro Tem for the purposes of presiding over the meeting today in the absence of the Chairman.

Mr. Caputo, the Chairman Pro Tem, asked the members of the Board and Division of Fire Safety members to introduce themselves for the record.

#### **Monthly Board Meeting New Business**

- 1. Minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Chief Burkott, seconded by Chief Madison, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting as submitted.

- 2. Request for interpretation from Christopher Veliotis dated January 10, 2015, on 527 CMR 12.00 Section 210.12(2014).*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded, by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the letter to Christopher Veliotis that was distributed today.

- 3. Request for interpretation from Matthew A. Piantedosi, the Cadmus Group dated January 19, 2015, on 527 CMR 12 Article 725.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded, by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the letter to Matthew A. Piantedois, the Cadmus Group that was distributed today.

- 4. Request for interpretation from Adam O'Connell, Rexel Electrical & Datacom Supplies dated February 18, 2015, on NFPA 70, Article 240.87.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded, by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the letter to Adam O'Connell, Rexel Electrical & Datacom Supplies that was distributed today.

- 5. Request for interpretation from Darren Cyr, Cyr Electric, Inc. dated February 5, 2015, on 527 CMR 12 Article 250-24.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded, by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the report of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the letter to Darren Cyr, Cyr Electrical that was distributed today.

- 6. Email communication dated February 4, 2015 from Lawrence Forshner regarding Elevator Code – Electrical provisions BBRS/BFPR.*



Mr. Fredette advised the Board that he will be included in the discussion on this matter tomorrow between the Elevator Board Chairman Walter Zalenski, Thomas M. Riley, John O'Donoghue and Lawrence Forshner.

Jeffrey Cox stated the he did a little research and there seems to be some confusion between the one hour and two hour fire ratings on the wiring for the elevator. He understands that the next edition of the Building Code will be based on the 2015 International Code and the subject section has been revised to say to say two hours and not one hour.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Chief Madison, the Board unanimously voted to table this matter until DFS staff reports back at the next meeting.

### **Monthly Board Meeting Old Business**

*None.*

### **Monthly Board Meeting – Regulatory Activity: Reports, Status, and Process**

1. *527 CMR 1.00 – Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code*
  - a. *FAQs- Informational Only*
  - b. *Consideration of process relating to board code interpretations*
  - c. *Massachusetts amendments submittal to NFPA for the 2018 edition of NFPA 1*

Mr. Fredette reviewed the Frequently Asked Questions Process and Procedure (non-technical) that was distributed today.

Ms. Hoyt reviewed the Proposed Procedure for Board Interpretations that was distributed today.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Fire Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Keith, the Board unanimously voted to adopt this process as the standing protocol for interpretation of the fire code.

Mr. Fredette reviewed the Proposed Process and Procedure for submittal of Massachusetts amendments to NFPA for the 2018 cycle.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to adopt this process as the standing protocol for submitting Massachusetts amendments to NFPA.

Upon a motion made by Chief Madison, seconded by Mr. Keith, the Board unanimously voted to formalize the structure of each code committee as they exist for the promulgation process for the continued work of the Board.

### **Monthly Board Meeting – Promulgation: Status Updates**

1. *See attached spreadsheet from legal.*

Board Counsel Steven Rourke reviewed the BFPR Promulgation Status Tracking Sheet that was distributed.

### **Board Input**

*1. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.*

The Board expressed their condolences to Attorney Senopoulos on the loss of his father.


Chairman Pro Tem Caputo advised the Board that this will be Chief Burkott's last meeting as a member of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations.

Chairman Pro Tem Caputo, on behalf of the Board, thanked Chief Burkott for his years of service.

Chief Burkott thanked the DFS staff as they have been very accommodating. He also thanked his cohorts as serving of this Board has been one of the highlights of his career.

Donald Jansen, Department of Public Licensure, asked the Board if he could put our electrical interpretations on his website. The Board determined that we would create a link for him to add to his website.

A motion was made by Mr. MacKendrick and seconded by Chief Madison to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. The Board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director: 

Date: 3/6/2015