

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2017**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

Anthony Caputo	Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
Joseph Conant	Commissioner, Springfield Fire Department
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
John Dempsey	Designee of the Boston Fire Commissioner
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
Michael Hazel	Chief, Tewksbury Fire Department
Alfonso F. Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Gary S. Keith	Representative of the Public
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Peter J. Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Richard K. Arruda	Chief, Dartmouth Fire District 3
John J. Clancy	Inspector of Buildings in a City/Town

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Paul Vigneau	Director, Division of Fire Safety
Richard Fredette	Board Executive Director
Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Peter Senopoulos	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services

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

Jack Lyons	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Robert Duval	National Fire Protection Association

Monthly Board Meeting

1. Open meeting

Chairman Caputo opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

2. Member introductions

Chairman Caputo asked the members of the Board and the Division of Fire Safety staff to introduce themselves for the record.

1. Minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting submitted for approval.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Monthly Board Meeting – New Business

1. Request for interpretation 527 CMR 1.00:20.18

a. Draft response

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Conant, seconded by Chief Hazel, the Board unanimously voted to send the response with the staff's interpretation as presented today.

Upon a motion made by Marshal Ostroskey, seconded by Mr. Keith, the Board unanimously voted to send the request for interpretation of 527 CMR 1.00:20.18 to the Occupancy Code Committee for a formal interpretation.

2. Communication from Sandy McLardy regarding unprotected SEU-cable installed inside the cavity of a 2" x 6" wall.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jeff Cox, seconded by Mr. Laidler, the Board unanimously voted to accept the response of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee and to send the letter to Sandy McLardy as presented today.

3. Communication from Jonathan Stewart, NEMA, Manager Government Regulations

a. Draft response

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Conant, seconded by Deputy Chief Dempsey, the Board unanimously voted to send the response to Mr. Stewart as drafted by staff and presented today.

4. Request technical corrections to NEC 2017 be sent to committee for discussion.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to send the following two corrections to NEC 2017 to the 527 CMR 12 Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee for review.

First correction, 680.7. Insert an informational note ahead of 680.7(A) as follows:

Must be changed to: 680.8. Insert an informational note ahead of 680.8(A) as follows:

Second correction, 700.12(F). Delete the second sentence of the second paragraph that reads:

Must be changed to: 700.12(F)(2)(2). Delete the second sentence that reads:

Monthly Board Meeting - Old Business

1. Amendment Package for the 2015 edition of NFPA 1 and a potential vote to promulgate

a. Review BFPR comments and DFS recommendations

Ms. Hoyt reviewed the brief summary of the key changes between the current 527 CMR 1.00 (based on the 2012 edition of NFPA 1) and the proposed 527 CMR 1.00 (based on the 2015 edition of NFPA 1) that was distributed today.

b. Front End Amendments 2015

Mr. Vigneau thanked the BFPR Members for doing their due diligence and reviewing and commenting on the Front End Amendments 2015.

c. Amended Table 60.4.2.1.1.3

Ms. Hoyt reviewed the amended Table 60.4.2.1.1.3, Maximum Allowable Quantity (MAQ) of Hazardous Materials per Control Area that was distributed today.

d. Discussion of "legislative" document

Mr. Fredette advised the Board that NFPA is aware that we would like a strike out document if the vote to go forward with the NFPA 1 2015 edition is approved today.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. John Cox, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Amendment Package for the 2015 Edition of NFPA-1 as presented and to initiate the promulgation process. It was noted that staff remains authorized to make any additional non-substantive corrections/edits, if necessary.

2. Committee/ Reports

a. General Requirements Code Committee-Code Committee Chair /DFS Staff to report
i. Work clearances PV.

No Report

3. DFS update on BBRS review of "replacement in kind" interpretation.

Mr. Hoyt advised the Board that this interpretation is still in progress.

4. Update on joint BBRS/BFPR NFPA 241 Fire Prevention Program Manager Certification Working Group.

It was determined that this issue will remain on the BFPR agenda until the BBRS reorganization is complete.

5. DFS Legal Counsel update on regulations

DFS and Board Counsel Senopoulos reviewed the written status summary report that was distributed today.

Board Counsel Senopoulos also advised the Board that there may be some minor amendments that appear to be needed for the recently filed 527 CMR 12.00, Massachusetts Electrical Code. The changes may consist of clerical errors, technical corrections or may have been changes that NFPA has made in final printing. Some of these may be corrected through the "Notice of Correction" process at the Secretary of State's Office, if it is as clear error. But others may

require changes through the formal M.G.L. c. 30A and c. 143, s. 3L process. He suggested that the board bundle these together to streamline the hearing process.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Laidler, seconded by Mr. Fisher the Board unanimously voted to send any possible Errata's and TIA's to staff to review and send to the code committee is necessary.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Dr. Scheiner requested that the Administrative and Correlation Code Committee begin working on Chapters 1 – 5 for the 2018 edition of NFPA 1 within the next couple of months.

Deputy Chief Dempsey would like the provisions relating to fire department access b e reviewed by the board during the review process of the 2018 code.

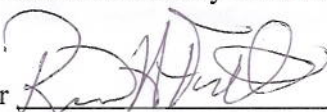
Chairman Caputo advised Board Members that if they have any issues they should be sent to Mr. Fredette.

Jack Lyons, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, requested that our website and guidance documents be clarified in regard to smoke alarm options for consumers.

Paul Vigneau advised the Board that he would meet with Mr. Lyons after this meeting to review his concerns.

It was determined that a decision would be made in one week if there was a need for the February 2, 2017 meeting of the BFPR.

A motion was made by Dr. Scheiner and seconded by Mr. MacKendrick to adjourn the regular meeting at 1:55 p.m. The board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: Executive Director 

Date: March 6, 2017