

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
March 2, 2017**

The Board of Fire Prevention Regulations held a Board meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Department of Fire Services, Boards and Commissions Room, Stow, Massachusetts.

The following Board members were present at this meeting:

Richard K. Arruda	Chief, Dartmouth Fire District 3
Anthony Caputo	Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
John J. Clancy	Inspector of Buildings in a City/Town
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
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Paul Vigneau	Designee of the State Fire Marshal
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member

The following Board members were absent from this meeting:

Joseph Conant	Commissioner, Springfield Fire Department
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
William Laidler	Hanover Wiring Inspector

DFS/BFPR staffing present at this meeting:

Richard Fredette	Board Executive Director
Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Steven Rourke	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services

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

David Duval	Massachusetts Systems Contractors Association
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**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 January 19, 2017 meeting submitted for approval.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting as submitted.

**Monthly Board Meeting – New Business**

*1. Staff report on BCCC meeting of February 16, 2017*

*a. Discussion and potential vote on proposed technical changes to 527 CMR 1.00, 2015 edition*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification 2.2 NFPA Publications as presented.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 12.4.1 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Chief Hazel, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 12.7.5.1.1(4) as presented.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Ibarreta, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.5.1.4 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.5.2.11(2) as presented.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ibarreta, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.5.3.4.2 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.5.4.1 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. Ibarreta, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.8.3.4.1 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Chief Hazel, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.9.1.3 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Clancy, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.14.2.1 with the following additional modification: delete “complying with 14.14.3”.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ibarreta, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 14.14.8.3.1 with three additional modifications: 1<sup>st</sup> modification is to delete “When required by the building code” from the beginning of the sentence, 2<sup>nd</sup> modification is to delete “by a sign that reads as follows: NO EXIT” from the end of the sentence, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> modification is to



add “as required by the Builder Inspector” to the end of the sentence. It was noted that staff is authorized to make any non-substantive corrections/edits if necessary.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposed modification to 41.4(1) as presented.

Upon a motion made by Mr. MacKendrick, seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board unanimously voted to accept the above Proposed Modifications to 527 CMR 1.00 2015 edition as amended and to forward to BCCC for their review of the 2015 amendment package.

2. *Interpretation request from Sandy McLardy*
  - a. *Article 230, Section 230.50(B) and 2130.70(A)1*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. MacKendrick, the Board unanimously voted to send this request to the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Interpretation Committee.

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

1. *Committee/ Reports*
  - a. *General Requirements Code Committee-Code Committee Chair /DFS Staff to report*
    - i. *Work clearances PV. Next meeting TBD*

It was determined to schedule the next PV Work Clearances meeting before the next Board of Fire Prevention Regulations meeting.

- b. *Electrical Code Advisory Committee Code – Committee Chair/DFS Staff to report*
      - i. *Technical Corrections to NEC 2017. Next meeting TBD*

The Board was advised that the next meeting of the 527 CMR 12 Electrical Code Advisory Committee has not been scheduled.

- c. *Occupancy Code Committee – Code Committee Chair / DFS Staff to report*
        - i. *Interpretation 527 CMR 1.00:20.18 – meeting of 2/16/17*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Dr. Scheiner, the Board unanimously voted to approve the draft response to Deputy Chief Robert Courtney as presented.

The Board determined to add the Administrative Code Committee to the next agenda.

2. *DFS update on BBRS review of “replacement in kind” interpretation.*

Ms. Hoyt reported that the BBRS had tasked the FFPF advisory committee with revising and writing an interpretation on “replacement in kind”. The FFPF committee had met and drafted an interpretation that has not yet been reviewed or accepted by the BBRS board members.

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

Ms. Hoyt reported that the BBRS discussed that the Fire Prevention Program Manager (FPPM) requirements should be included in the educational materials for construction supervisor licenses (CSL) and can be discussed in the anticipated training associated with the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the building code. The BBRS did not feel that a working group needed to be formed to address the requirements for FPPM at this time.

**Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

Mr. Fredette advised the Board that he received an email from Captain Thomas J. Bull, Worcester Fire Department, with a proposed requirement that sprinkler contractors and their subordinates not be allowed to attach a tag to a sprinkler system until they have conducted a complete inspection on the system in accordance with requirements of NFPA 25.

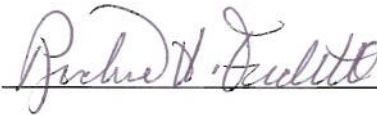
The Board determined that this item should be send to the General Requirements Code Committee for their review of NFPA 1, 2018 edition.

Mr. Fredette advised the Board that he received an email from Mr. Zemel, Department of Public Safety, stating that the BFPR has a designer position on the DPS Amusement Advisory Board, which is up for renewal and requesting the name of the recommendation.

The Board determined that this item should be brought forward to next month's agenda.

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: 5/15/2012