

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2021**

**Per Governor Charles D. Baker's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, s.20 signed and dated March 12, 2020, notice is hereby given for a meeting of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations via WebEx scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.
WebEx Meeting Number: 182 135 9779 Password: DFS2021**

The following Board members were present:

Richard Arruda	Representing Communities Under 15,000
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
Alfonso Ibarreta	Mechanical Engineer
Paul Kennedy	Wiring Inspector
Robert MacKendrick	FPAM Representative
Paul C. Scheiner	Chemist
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member
Anthony Caputo	Fire Protection Engineer

DFS Staffing were present:

Jennifer Hoyt	Division of Fire Safety
Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services
Paul Vigneau	Director, Division of Fire Safety
Jake Nunnemacher	Division of Fire Safety

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

John Corriea	Holbrook Reps for New England
Wendy Gifford	Google
Chris Towski	Cambridge Fire
Tim Choate	Assistant Fire Chief Sudbury Fire

Public Hearing

Member Introductions

Mr. Vigneau opened the board meeting at 1:05: p.m. and conducted a roll call of members, staff and guests present.

Mr. Vigneau opened the hearing, and read into the minutes the notice of the meeting and its purpose. The floor was opened to anyone who would like to submit a commit for the public hear. No submissions were made.

Mr. Vigneau stated that no written submissions were received.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing made by Larry Fisher, seconded by John Cox. All in favor, motion carries.

Mr. Vigneau closed the hearing at 1:11 p.m. after receiving no additional comments relative to the purpose of the hearing.

Open Monthly Board Meeting

New Business

1. *Minutes from the April 1, 2021 meeting submitted for approval.*

Motion to approve made by Dr. Scheiner, seconded by Larry Fisher, the board unanimously voted to accept the minutes from April 1, 2021 BFPR Meeting. 9 in favor, 1 abstained, motion carries.

2. *Staff update from the 2018 Code Review*

No Action

3. *Request for Interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00, Article 445.18(D) received on March 31, 2021 from Christopher Polny and forwarded to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.*

Action to be taken up in old business.

4. *Board Appointments and Re-Appointments*

No Action

Old Business

1. Committee/ Reports

- a. Administrative Code Committee (No Meetings)
- b. General Requirements Code Committee (No Meetings)
- c. Occupancy Code Committee (No Meetings)
- d. Processing Code Committee (No Meetings)
- e. Equipment Code Committee (**Minutes attached for April 28, 2021 meeting**)

- (1) Letter from Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Choate, Town of Sudbury, received February 9, 2021 and forwarded to the Equipment Code Committee relative to stationary storage battery systems, and proposed response.

Motion to approve response to Chief Timothy Choate motioned by Alfonso Ibarreta, seconded by Paul Kennedy. 9 in favor, 1 not in favor, motion carries.

- f. Hazardous Code Committee (No Meetings)
- g. Electrical Code Committee (**RFI responses anticipated from April 28, 2021 meeting**)

Motion to approve response to Christopher Polny's RFI motioned by Larry Fisher,
Seconded by Richard Arruda. 9 in favor, 1 abstained, motion carries.

- h. Boatyard Work Group (**Minutes attached for April 15, 2021 meetings**)
- i. Energy Storage Work Group (**Minutes attached for April 1, 2021, April 8, 2021, April 15, 2021 meetings**)

- 2. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

A motion was made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Alfonso Ibarreta, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The Board voted unanimously on this motion.

Submitted by: RLA Date: 7/1/2021