

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

The following Board members were present:

Anthony Caputo	BFPR Chair, Fire Protection Engineer
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
John Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
Paul Kennedy	Wiring Inspector
Paul Scheiner	Chemist
Alfonso Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Chief Richard Arruda	Fire Chief (under 25,000 population)
Patty Sheehan	Building Official

DFS Staffing were present:

David Clemons	Department of Fire Services
Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services
John Dean	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services
Jennifer Hoyt	Fire Safety Division
Christina Rodriguez	Fire Safety Division
John Wood	Fire Safety Division

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

Meghan Perry	Private Citizen
Tyler Doering	GE Appliances, Haier
Ken Carter	Sun Bug Solar
Jonah Decola	New Ecology, Senior Energy Engineer
Gerry Oconnor	Eaton
Donald Boyd	Legal Analyst, EPS
Randall Dollar II	Siemens
Jack Lyons	Technical Field Rep.NEMA
Peter Diamond	Inspector of Wires, Norfolk
Frank Tse	Leviton
Greg Woyczynski	AHAM American Home Appliance Manufacturers

Statutory Public Hearing held in accordance with M.G.L. c.148, Section 10

1. *Member and Staff introductions and opening of the hearing.*

In accordance with M.G.L. c.148, s. 10, notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be

conducted by the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations via Teams Meeting Number: 212 187 674 622, Thursday, October 6, 2022, 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing any comments, petitions, or suggestions for changes to Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Prevention Code, 527 CMR 1.00. Such comments, petitions, or suggestions for consideration of the Board may be submitted orally or in writing at the time and place of said hearing.

Chairman Caputo opened the hearing at 1:04 p.m. and asked members and guests to introduce them for the record.

2. Receipt of comments or petitions for changes to the Massachusetts Fire Safety Code, 527 CMR 1.00 pursuant to M.G.L. c. 148, s. 10 to be forwarded to the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations for review and discussion.

No comments were received prior to the hearing.

Greg Woyczynski, AHAM represent major appliances for home use. Concerns with proposal to adopt 2022 NEC. Chair Caputo informed Mr. Woyczynski that the public hearing for 527 CMR 12.00 will be held at a future date. He withheld comment until that future meeting.

3. Adjourn the hearing.

Monthly Board Meeting

1. Minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting submitted for approval.

Motion made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Alfonso Ibarreta to approve the July 14, 2022 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business

1. Discussion on any and all comments or petitions received relative to today's Statutory Public Hearing on 527 CMR 1.00.

No comments received.

2. Review, discussion, and potential vote to adopt 527 CMR 12.00 updates based upon NFPA 70, 2023 edition with MA amendments

a. Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes submitted for acceptance

i. August 24, 2022

Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Scheiner to accept the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

ii. September 1, 2022

Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Scheiner to accept the September 1, 2022 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

iii. *September 9, 2022*

Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Scheiner to accept the September 9, 2022 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

iv. *October 3, 2022*

Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Scheiner to accept the October 3, 2022 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

b. *The proposed amendment material is available here: [DRAFT 527 CMR 12.00 Amendment Package](#)*

Motion made by Larry Fisher to recognize William Laidler for his dedication and involvement in the development of the Massachusetts Electrical Code both as an item in the minutes as well as in writing within the document presented to the Commonwealth. Seconded by John Cox. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Scheiner to promulgate the proposed 527 CMR 12.00 amendments.

3. *Request for interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00 Article 517 as received from Richard Cannavino, Inspector of Wires Gardner, MA on June 1, 2022.*

Motion made by Paul Kennedy, seconded Paul Scheiner by to accept the interpretation as written. All in favor, motion carries.

4. *Request for interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00 Article 702.4 (B)(2)(a) as received from Steve Connolly, Project Manager, Master Electrical Officer, Tesla on July 18, 2022.*

Motion made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Paul Scheiner to accept the interpretation as written. All in favor, motion carries.

5. *Request for interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00 Article 230.85 (3) as received from Nick McElroy on August 11, 2022.*

Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Scheiner to accept the interpretation as written. All in favor, motion carries.

Peter Diamond made a comment that he was under the impression that the public hearing from the electrical code was today. Glenn Rooney advised the Board and members of the scheduled for a public hearing at that time. If parties are interested, the public hearing notice will be posted on the website in advance of the hearing.

Old Business

1. *Committee/ Reports*

a. *Administrative Code Committee*

Paul Scheiner stated meetings to be scheduled to look at the tables in Chapter 1.

b. *General Requirements Code Committee*

c. *Occupancy Code Committee*

d. *Processing Code Committee*

e. *Equipment Code Committee*

f. *Hazardous Code Committee*

g. *Electrical Interpretation Code Committee*

(1) *Minutes August 29, 2022*

Motion made by Jeff Cox, seconded by Larry Fisher to accept the August 29, 2022 meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

2. *Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair*

Glenn Rooney asked for consideration of an agenda item for next month's meeting, MGL 40B in response to Chief Arruda's request for discussion at a future meeting. Glenn Rooney would like to contact DHCD representatives to come speak at the next meeting and to answer Board member's questions and explain how fire service concerns are considered within this process. We have heard that these concerns are shared among fire service representatives and general public members. Chair Caputo agreed that it would be prudent to add this item to the agenda for the next meeting. Chief Arruda agreed that a conversation with a DHCD representative would be a good start to this discussion. Larry Fisher asked that the agenda item is not limited to fire service vehicle access but also to community affect and how those interplays with the overall idea of community risk reduction. Glenn Rooney will relay these concerns to DHCD and ask for a general approach to the discussion to cover these topics.

3. *Adjournment*

A **motion** to adjourn the public hearing and meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Larry Fisher. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:43 p.m.

Approved:  Date: 12/19/22