

BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 5, 2022

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Department of Fire Services Stow, MA

WebEx Meeting Number: 182 982

3423 Join by phone: 1-415-655-001

[Meeting Link](#)

The following Board members were present:

Anthony Caputo	BFPR Chair, Fire Protection Engineer
Peter Ostroskey	State Fire Marshal
Jeffrey Cox	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
John D. Cox	Registered Professional Chemical Engineer
Larry S. Fisher	Electrical Contractor
Paul Kennedy	Wiring Inspector
Alfonso Ibaretta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Chief Richard Arruda	Fire Chief (under 25,000 population)
Chief Michael Newbury	Fire Chief (25,000 – 50,000 population)
Chief Joseph Jackson	Fire Chief (over 50,000 population)
Deputy Chief Edward Williams	Representative, Fire Prevention Assn of MA
Patricia Sheehan	Building Inspector
Paul C. Scheiner	Graduate Fire Chemist
Kenneth A. Smith	Blasting Association Member
John Correia	Representative of the Public

DFS Staffing were present:

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

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

Charles Flynn
Scott Lang
Wendy Gifford

Public Hearing

Member Introductions

Mr. Vigneau opened the board meeting at 1:08: p.m. and conducted a roll call of members, staff and guests present.

Anthony Caputo opened the hearing at 1:09p.m. 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 comment for the public hearing.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing made by John Cox, seconded by Chief Arruda. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Monthly Board Meeting

1. Open meeting
2. Minutes from the March 3, 2022 meeting submitted for approval.
3. Discussion on any and all comments or petitions received relative to today's Statutory Public Hearing on 527 CMR 1.00.

New Business

1. Staff update on 2021 Code Review

Paul Vigneau discussed the code committee progress on the 2021 version of NFPA 1 with MA amendments. He indicated that there are 75 Chapters; 22 are deleted or reserved, 25 are complete and 4 are substantially complete. That leaves 13 chapters to review mainly from Administration and Correlation, and Hazardous Materials committees.

He also reviewed proposed meeting calendars for May, June and July for input from members and committee chairs. The board indicated that it looked acceptable, so he will move forward with scheduling the proposed meetings.

2. NFPA 45 Work Group request to forward a code change proposal relative to 780 CMR section 428 from BFPR to BBRS

Marshal Ostroskey asked staff to walk through the document to identify changes that are being proposed. Jennifer Hoyt presented the changes and answered all questions from the members.

Motion made by Chief Arruda, second Paul Scheiner to forward to BBRS. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Request for Interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00, Article 250.92B received from Steve Connolly on February 23, 2022 forwarded to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

Motion to accept the interpretation response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion approved unanimously.

Chief Newbury was temporarily unavailable for this vote.

4. Request for Interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00, Article 702.2, 702 (4)(B)(2), 702.4 (B)(2)(b), 702.4 (B)(2)(b) received from Charles Flynn on March 11, 2022 forwarded to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

Motion to accept the interpretation response made by Larry Fisher, 2 Paul Kennedy. Motion approved unanimously with staff to make and edit and elaborate on “No response” with similar wording to the Connolly interpretation.

5. Request for Interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00, Article 690.13 (C) received from Jeff Marinello on April 19, 2022 forwarded to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

Motion to accept made by Edward Williams, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Request for Interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00, Article 406.12 (5) received from Jason Curran on April 21, 2022 forwarded to the Electrical Interpretation Committee.

Old Business

1. Committee/ Reports
 - a. Administrative Code Committee (**No Meetings**)
 - b. General Requirements Code Committee (**No Meetings**)
 - c. Occupancy Code Committee (Minutes 3/11)

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 3/11 by Jeff Cox, seconded by Larry Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.

- (1) NFPA 45 Work Group (Minutes 3/3, 3/23, 4/1, 4/14, 4/25, 5/2)

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 3/3 by Deputy Chief Edward Williams, seconded by Alfonso Ibaretta. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 3/23 by Deputy Chief Edward Williams, seconded by Jeff Cox. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 4/1 by Alfonso Ibaretta, seconded by Larry Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 4/14 by Larry Fisher, seconded by Alfonso Ibaretta. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 4/25 by John Corriea, seconded by Alfonso Ibaretta. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 5/2 by Larry Fisher, seconded by Alfonso Ibaretta. Motion approved unanimously.

d. Processing Code Committee (Minutes 4/6, 4/19, 4/29)

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 4/6 by Chief Arruda, seconded by Dr. Scheiner. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 4/19 by Deputy Chief Edward Williams, seconded by Chief Arruda. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of 4/29 by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Larry Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.

e. Equipment Code Committee (Minutes 4/13 , 5/3)

f. Hazardous Code Committee (**No Meetings**)

g. Electrical Code Committee

- Minutes 3/22 EW, 5/5
- RFI responses

1. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 2:37.

Submitted by:  Date: 6/2/22