

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 30, 2022 1:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

The following Board members were present:

Anthony Caputo	BFPR Chair, Fire Protection Engineer
Paul Vigneau, on behalf of 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
Alfonso Ibaretta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Chief Richard Arruda	Fire Chief (under 25,000 population)
Deputy Chief Edward Williams	Representative, Fire Prevention Assn of MA
Kenneth Smith	Blasting Association Member

DFS Staffing were present:

Glenn Rooney	Legal Counsel, Department of Fire Services
John Dean	Deputy 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):

Scott Lang	Senior Industry Affairs Manager, Honeywell
Michael Pang	

Monthly Board Meeting

1. *Open meeting*
2. *Member and Staff introductions*

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

3. *Minutes from the June 2, 2022 meeting submitted for approval.*

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes of June 2, 2022 by Larry Fisher, seconded by Chief Williams. Vigneau abstain. Motion approved.

New Business

1. *Staff update on 2021 Code Review – Committee and Chapters status update document*
 - a. *Administrative and Correlation Code Committee completed reviews of Chapters 1 - 9 with MA specific amendments forwarded for review.*

- b. *General Requirements Code Committee completed reviews of Chapters 10 -19 with MA specific amendments forwarded for review.*
 - i. *Code Change Proposal as received from Chief Richard Arruda relative to 527 CMR 1.00:18.1.1.3*
- c. *Occupancy Code Committee completed reviews of Chapters 20 – 39 with MA specific amendments forwarded for review.*
- d. *Process Code Committee completed reviews of Chapters 40 - 49 with MA specific amendments forwarded for review.*
- e. *Equipment Committee completed reviews of Chapters 50 - 59 with MA specific amendments forwarded for review.*
- f. *Hazardous Material Code Committee completed reviews of Chapters 60 – 75 with MA specific amendments forwarded for review.*

Mr. Vigneau spoke about items a through f and asked all board members to submit any comments, edits or questions on the content of the chapters to either Jennifer Hoyt or himself in order to research and or make edits as necessary.

- 2. *Request for interpretation of 527 CMR 12.00 as received from Daniel Bellacqua on June 14, 2022 relative to article 680.26 Equipotential Bonding.*

No response to RFI. Requested Bellacqua to resubmit with multiple questions.

- 3. *Code change proposal regarding 18.1.1.3 submitted by Chief Arruda.*

Chief Arruda would like to rescind the code change proposal at this time. Will research and possibly bring back to the board at a later date. Chief Fisher would like to see a task force appointed to the issue.

Old Business

- 1. *Committee/ Reports*
 - a. *Administrative Code Committee*
 - (1) *Meeting June 15, 2022*
 - (2) *Meeting June 27, 2022*
 - b. *General Requirements Code Committee*
 - (1) *Minutes May 20, 2022*
 - (2) *Meeting June 1, 2022*
 - c. *Occupancy Code Committee*
 - (1) *Minutes June 3, 2022*
 - (2) *Meeting June 13, 2022*
 - d. *Processing Code Committee*

- (1) Meeting May 20, 2022
- e. Equipment Code Committee
 - (1) Minutes May 23, 2022
 - (2) Meeting June 2, 2022
- f. Hazardous Code Committee
 - (1) Minutes May 19, 2022
 - (2) Meeting May 26, 2022
- g. Electrical Code Committee
 - (1) Meeting June 30, 2022 draft RFI response to Mr. Daniel Bellacqua.

All minutes will be on the next agenda for approvals once members have the opportunity to review.

2. *Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair*

3. *Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Vigneau, seconded by Chief Williams. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:38 pm.

Submitted by: PLV Date: 7/14/22