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Meeting Minutes

Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC)
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2024
1:00pm

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1. Welcome

Mr. Rooney opened the meeting at 1:27 p.m. and asked council members and staff to introduce themselves.

2. Council Members and Staff Introductions

Mark Fine, Assistant Secretary, designee for Co-Chair for Executive Office of Administration and Finance
Ian Finlayson, designee for the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Greer Spatz Croxford, Attorney, designee Division of Occupational Licensure
Jon Davine, State Fire Marshal, Department of Fire Services
Paul Malagrifa, Board of State Examiners of Electricians
Yolanda Cole, Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklers
Kristopher Callahan, designee Department of Public Health
David Bragg, designee Department of Environmental Protection
Daniel Gary Rogers, Fire Safety Commission
Maja Kazmierczak, designee for the Attorney General's Office

Guests

Glenn Rooney, General Counsel at the Department of Fire Services
Brian Ingram, Department of Fire Services
MaryAnn Smith, Department of Fire Services
Christina Rodriguez, Department of Fire Services
Elizabeth Mahony, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Emily Lamb, Department of Environmental Protection
Andrew Bridges, Division of Occupational Licensure
John Moreschi, Division of Occupational Licensure

3. *Meeting Minutes:* Review and approve January 18, 2024 draft meeting minutes.

MOTION made to approve the minutes made by Paul Malagrifa, seconded by Marshal Davine.
Motion approved.

4. *Old Business:*

a. None

5. *New Business:*

a. Request by MassDEP for a regulatory review and potential vote on 310 CMR 7.76: Prohibitions on Use of Certain Hydrofluorocarbons in Refrigeration, Chillers, Aerosol Propellants, and Foam End-Uses.

Emily Lamb discussed the challenge DEP is experiencing with implementing and existing regulation. The regulation prohibits the use of high-GWP refrigerants for chillers, unless the product was manufactured before 1/1/24 or building permit issued before 1/1/24. The alternative refrigerants available for chillers are classified as mildly flammable A2L, currently not allowed by the building code. For equipment that doesn't meet one of the two date exemptions, there is no way to meet the building code and DEP's existing regulation. Suggesting an update to the building code to allow implementation to the regulation.

Attorney Spatz Croxford mentioned the BBRS is working on guidance to discuss how the A2L's can be used in a way that is consistent with the 10th edition of the Building Code, as well as a regulation change to deal with the issue.

Ian Finlayson discussed that the BBRS voted to amend the 10th edition of the Building Code during the July 2024 meeting. In the interim, the Attorney supporting the BBRS has drafted a guidance that notes the BBRS is anticipating this transition and authorities having jurisdiction, local code officials, can approve A2L refrigerants. The draft guidance will be voted on at the BBRS meeting on November 12, 2024.

6. *Any additional matters not reasonably anticipated by the co-chairs two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.*

7. *Adjourn*

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting made by Paul Malagrifa, seconded by Assistant Secretary Fine.
Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Approved Brian J. Ingram Date: 1/16/25