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LARRY S. FISHER
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BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 5, 2024 1:00 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

Larry Fisher
Jon Davine
Chief Arruda

Alfonso Ibarreta
Keith Pogarian
Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.
Paul Kennedy
Johnathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.
Edward Williams
Colin Kelly

Chair, BFPR
Fire Marshal
Fire Chief from a community with a population of
less than 25,000
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
Graduate Fire Chemist
Inspector of Wires
Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
FPAM Representative
Boston Fire Department Commissioner (Designee)

The following Board Members were absent:

Joseph Jackson
Michael Newbury
Kenneth Smith
Patty Sheehan
John Cox
John Correia

Fire Chief from a community with a population of
more than 50,000
Fire Chief from a community with a population of
25,000 to 50,000
Blasting Association Member
Building Official
Chemical Engineer
Member of the Public

DFS Staffing were present:

Maribel Fournier
Mary Ann Smith
Brian Ingram
Glenn Rooney
Rachel Perlman

Deputy Marshal
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division
Director, Division of Fire Safety
General Counsel
Deputy General Counsel

Jake Nunnemacher
David Clemons

Fire Engineer
Operations Section Chief

Guests were present:

Ed Kawa
Jack Lyons
Sean Young
Sam Pillsbury
Chris Lizewski

1. Meeting was opened at 1:09 p.m. by Larry Fisher, Chair.
2. Introductions, Mary Ann Smith called upon BFPR Members and DFS Staff to introduce themselves for the record.

Monthly Board Meeting

1. Minutes from the August 1, 2024 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the August 1, 2024, meeting minutes made by Paul Scheiner seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor Motion Carries.

New Business

2. Mary Ann Smith brought forth a Code Change Proposal for review that was not included in the previous package. This Code Change Proposal, 26.1.1 was approved by the subcommittee for promulgation.

No Action Needed

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Old Business

Committee/ Reports

1. *Administrative Code Committee*

No Action

2. *General Requirements Code Committee*

Motion to approve minutes from May 29, 2024 made by Richard Arruda seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. *Occupancy Code Committee*

No Action

4. *Processing Code Committee*

No Action

5. *Equipment Code Committee*

No Action

6. *Hazardous Code Committee*

No Action

7. *Electrical Code Committee*

Motion to accept minutes from June 18, 2024 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 1.) 527 CMR 12.00, 230.85 received from Dale Blue, IOW on May 29, 2024.

Question 1: On a single family residential service can a meter disconnect marked “suitable only for use as service equipment” be used and marked as “emergency disconnect, not service equipment as described in 230.85(B)?

Response: No

Motion to answer no made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Larry Fisher. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Question 2: On a single family residential service can any type of disconnect marked “Suitable only for use as service equipment” be used and labeled as “not service equipment” as described in 230.85 (E)(1)?

Response: No

Motion to answer no made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Question 3: On a single family residential service is there any way to use a piece of equipment marked “Suitable only for use as service equipment” as anything other than the service disconnect described in 230.85(B)(1) and running a 4 wire feeder to any subsequent 120/240 volt single phase loads?

Response: No

Motion to answer no made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

- 2.) 527 CMR 12.00, 334.10(2) received from Joe McLaughlin, Electrical Dynamics on June 7, 2024.

Question 1: Can SER cable be used on floors 2 through 6 in a 6 story multifamily building of type III construction if it originates on each floor in a distribution panel in an electrical closet and ends at load centers in each apartment on the same floor and it never leaves the floor.

Response: Yes

**Motion to answer no made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kenndy. All in favor.
Motion Carries.**

Question 2: Can SER cable be used on the 1st floor made of type 1 construction multifamily building if it originates on the 1st floor in a distribution panel in an electrical closet and ends at load venters in each apartment on the same floor. (a) it never leaves the floor. (b) it is installed behind drywall with more than 15 min fire rating.

Response: Yes

**Motion to answer no made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kenndy. All in favor.
Motion Carries.**

3.) *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

No Action

4.) Flame Effects Work Group

Motion to approve minutes from May 7, 2024 made by Alfonso Ibarreta, seconded by Paul Schiener. All in favor. Motion Carries.

5.) **NFPA 45 Work Group**

Motion to approve minutes from May 23, 2024 made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Alfonso Ibarreta. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve minutes from August 13, 2024 made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Alfonso Ibarreta. All in favor. Motion Carries.

6.) Chapter 18 Work Group

This group was established by the General Requirements work group for the purposes of reviewing section 18.1.1.3 and other related sections.

No Action

Adjournment

Chairman Larry Fisher would like to publicly welcome Deputy Chief Colin Kelly to the BFPR, serving as the Member for the Boston Fire Department.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 2:02 p.m.

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 8/1/24