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BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Link, DFS, Stow, MA 01775

The following Board Members were present:

Larry Fisher
Jake Nunnemacher
Alfonso Ibarreta
Paul Kennedy
Kenneth Smith
Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.
Chris Towski
Chief Arruda

Jonathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.
Chief Dyer

Patty Sheehan
Colin Kelly
Keith Pogarian

Chair, BFPR
Fire Marshal Designee
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Inspector of Wires (Interim Chair)
Blasting Association Member
Graduate Fire Chemist
FPAM Representative
Fire Chief from a community with a population of less than 25,000
Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
Fire Chief from a community with a population of more than 50,000
Building Official
Boston Fire Department Commissioner (Designee)
Registered Professional Electrical Engineer

The following Board Members were absent:

Jon Davine
John Cox
Michael Newbury

Keith Pogarian
Jenifer Hoyt

Fire Marshal
Chemical Engineer
Fire Chief from a community with a population of 25,000 to 50,000
Registered Professional Electrical Engineer
Member of the Public

DFS Staffing were present:

Brian Ingram
Mary Ann Smith

Director of Fire Safety Division
Executive Director to the Board

Guests were present:

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

1. Member and Staff introductions and opening of the Statutory Public Hearing at 1:16 p.m.

The Statutory Public Hearing will be held open until the adjournment of the Monthly BFRP Meeting.

Monthly Board Meeting

Monthly meeting called to order at 1:18 p.m.

1. Minutes from the September 4, 2025 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.

Motion to approve the September 4, 2025 meeting minutes with corrections made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

New Business

1. Mary Ann Smith, DFS Staff, provided an update on the NEC 70, 2026 review. The Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee had their first meeting on September 24, 2025. The NEC 70, 2026 hard copy will be available the first week of October for members.
2. Brian Ingram has reached out to Tammy Gropman to share our amendments with the BBRS. Any concerns the Board may have with the draft Amendment Package (Based off NFPA 1, 2024) will be addressed.
3. Mary Ann Smith provided an update on the Staff Work towards the NFPA 1, 2024 review process.
 - a. Draft amendment packages were passed out for Chapters 10 through 19 and Chapters 60 through 74.
 - b. Administrative Committee reviews are expected to be completed prior to the next meeting.
4. Board Review:

Motion to allow staff to remove Massachusetts Amendments if the language aligns with the NFPA 1, 2024 base code made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion modified to include all chapters within 527 CMR 1.00 made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to accept amendments as submitted by the Occupancy Code Committee for Chapters 20 through 39 made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to accept amendments as submitted by the Processing Code Committee for Chapters 40 through 49 made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to accept amendments as submitted by the Equipment Code Committee for Chapters 50 through 54 made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Chapter 55 was not included in the review and previously carried no amendments. Alfonso Ibaretta, Equipment Code Committee Chair will review the chapter to determine if the Code Committee needs to meet to discuss the new language brought into the Chapter.

Dr. Scheiner proposed bringing the old red book language back to chapter 1 for clarification on when the Building Code vs the Fire Code applies.

The BFPR will schedule a meeting mid October to accelerate promulgating the 527 CMR 1.00 based off NFPA 1, 2024 edition.

Old Business

Committee/ Reports

1. Administrative Code Committee

Meeting July 8, 2025

No Action

2. General Requirements Code Committee

Minutes, September 2, 2025

Motion to approve minutes from September 2, 2025 made by Richard Arruda, seconded by Paul Scheiner. 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

Minutes, July 23, 2025

7. Electrical Code Committee

Minutes, May 20, 2025

8. Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee

No Action

9. BSEE/BFPR Work Group

No Action

10. Hazmat Work Group

Minutes, August 26, 2025

Motion to approve minutes from August 26, 2025 made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried

Minutes, September 11, 2025

Motion to approve minutes from August 26, 2025 made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried

Items not anticipated

Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on October 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Jake Nunnemacher. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 2:13 p.m.

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 10/20/25