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CHAIRMAN

**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**February 6, 2025 1:00 p.m.**

**The following Board Members were present:**

Larry Fisher  
Jon Davine  
Chief Arruda

Alfonso Ibarreta

Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.  
Paul Kennedy  
Jonathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.  
Colin Kelly  
Patty Sheehan  
Keith Pogarian  
Chris Towski  
John Cox

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

**The following Board Members were absent:**

Joseph Jackson

Michael Newbury

Kenneth Smith  
Vacant

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  
Member of the Public

**DFS Staffing were present:**

Maribel Fournier  
Mary Ann Smith  
Glenn Rooney  
Matt Murray  
John Wood  
Jake Nunnemacher

Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division  
General Counsel  
Code Compliance Supervisor  
Code Compliance Officer  
Fire Protection Engineer

**Guests were present:**

1. Meeting was opened at 1:02 p.m. by Larry Fisher, Chair.
2. Introductions, Mary Ann Smith called upon BFPR Members and DFS Staff to introduce themselves for the record.

Christopher Towski was introduced as the new FPAM Representative.

**Monthly Board Meeting**

1. Minutes from the January 2, 2025 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.

**Motion to approve January 2, 2025, meeting minutes as written made by Paul Schiener seconded by Richard Arruda. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

**New Business**

1. The Training Council has asked the BFPR to put together a guidance document to act as a one page cheat sheet for how to apply the ADU regulations to 527 CMR 1.00.

**Old Business**

*Committee/ Reports*

1. *Administrative Code Committee*

*Minutes January 15, 2025*

**Motion to approve minutes from January 15, 2025 made by Paul Scheiner seconded by Chris Towski. All in favor. Motion carried.**

2. *General Requirements Code Committee*

*Minutes December 17, 2024*

**Motion to approve minutes from December 17, 2024 as written made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

3. *Occupancy Code Committee*

*Minutes April 5, 2024*

**Motion to approve minutes from April 5, 2024 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

4. *Processing Code Committee*

***No Action***

5. *Equipment Code Committee*

***No Action***

6. *Hazardous Code Committee*

***No Action***

7. *Electrical Code Committee*

*Minutes December 17, 2024*

**Motion to accept minutes from December 17, 2024 made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- i. 527 CMR 12.00, 230.85, 338 submitted by Bill Clinton, received December 18, 2024.

Question 1: On an existing dwelling when installing a listed switch or circuit breaker separate from a utility meter and marked "Suitable for use as service equipment" is the enclosure permitted to be labeled Emergency Disconnect-Not Service Equipment as per 230.85(B)(3), 230.85(E)(1)(3) and 230.85(E)(2)

Response: Yes

**Motion to accept response Yes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

- ii. 527 CMR 12.00, 255 submitted by Don Fess, received December 18, 2024.

Question 1: Does Harvard University qualify as an "institution" under single management for the purposes of Massachusetts Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00 article 225.30 (F)?

Response: Yes

**Motion to accept response Yes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

Question 2: Does Harvard University qualify as an "institution" under single management for the purposes of Massachusetts Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00 article 225.31 Exception 1?

Response: Yes

**Motion to accept response Yes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

- iii. 527 CMR 12.00, 230 submitted by Ryan Walsh, received January 13, 2025

Question 1: Referencing the attached diagram, is the customer busduct downstream of the customer service disconnects classified as feeders?

Response: No

**Motion to accept response Yes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

Question 2: Is compliant protection provided for the busduct located between the utility vault and main electric room? (See attached 2hr UL rated assembly)

**Response: Yes**

**Motion to accept response Yes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

- iv. 527 CMR 12.00, 210.12, 210.8 submitted by Dennis Monteiro, received January 13, 2025.

**Question 1:** Does a replacement furnace need to be ArcFault protected?

**Response:** No

**Motion Made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Jim Rogers. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

**Question 2:** Does a replacement furnace need to be GFCI protected?

**Response:** No

**Motion to accept response Yes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

8. *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

**No Action**

9. Flame Effects Work Group

**No Action**

10. BSEE/BFPR Work Group

Minutes January 19, 2024

**Motion to accept Minutes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

Minutes February 23, 2024

**Motion to accept Minutes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy, all in favor, Motion Carries.**

### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:46 p.m.**

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 3/6/25