



MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

TERRENCE M. REIDY
SECRETARY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Department of Fire Services

P.O. Box 1025 ~ State Road

Stow, Massachusetts 01775

Telephone (978) 567~3100

www.mass.gov/dfs



LARRY S. FISHER
CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 3, 2025 1:00 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

Larry Fisher
Chair Arruda

Alfonso Ibarreta
Jon Davine
Paul Kennedy
Kenneth Smith
Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.
Jonathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.
Colin Kelly
Patty Sheehan
Keith Pogarian
Chris Towski
John Cox

Chair, BFPR
Fire Chief from a community with a population of
less than 25,000
Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Fire Marshal
Inspector of Wires
Blasting Association Member
Graduate Fire Chemist
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

Fire Chief from a community with a population of
more than 50,000

Michael Newbury

Fire Chief from a community with a population of
25,000 to 50,000

Vacant

Member of the Public

DFS Staffing were present:

David Clemons
Glenn Rooney
Rachel Perlman
Mary Ann Smith

Operations Section Chief
General Counsel
Counsel for the Board, Deputy General Counsel
Code Administrator, Fire Safety Division

Matt Murray
John Wood
Jake Nunnemacher
Kristen McDonough

Code Compliance Supervisor
Code Compliance Officer
Fire Protection Engineer
Fire Protection Engineer

Guests were present:

Charlie Flynn
Sam Pillsbury
Michael Pang, PE
Scott Lang
Jen Hoyt

1. Meeting was opened at 1:03 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 March 6, 2025 meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.

Motion to approve March 6, 2025, meeting minutes with correction to typo made by Paul Scheiner seconded by Chris Towski All in favor. Motion Carries.

New Business

1. Mary Ann Smith provided an update on the Staff Work towards the NFPA 1, 2024 review process.

Old Business

Committee/ Reports

1. *Administrative Code Committee*

Minutes March 4, 2025

Motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2025 made by Paul Scheiner seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. *General Requirements Code Committee*

Minutes March 12, 2025

Motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2025 made by Paul Kennedy seconded by Chris Towski. 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*

Minutes February 18, 2025

Motion to accept minutes from February 18, 2025 made by Paul Kennedy, seconded by Larry Fisher. All in favor. Motion carried.

(1) Meeting March 18, 2025

- i. 527 CMR 12.00, 110.26(C)(3) submitted by Walter “Ted” Dow received January 18, 2025.

Question #2 An electrical room contains multiple pieces of equipment, each rated less than 800 amperes. The room additionally contains a 2,500-ampere bus duct riser, with multiple plug-in disconnects, each rated less than 800 amperes. The room entrance/egress door is located within 25-feet of the nearest edge of the equipment working space. As all equipment in the room is less than 800-amperes and the plug-in disconnects on the bus duct are each rated less than 800-amperes does 527 CMR 12, 110.26(c)(3) permit the entrance/egress door to swing into the room, without panic (fire exit hardware)?

Response: Yes, 110.26(c)(3) is not applicable.

Motion to approve the response made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

- ii. 527 CMR 12.00, 352 submitted by Silva Gustavo received January 30, 2025.

Question #1 Does NEC Article 352 require expansion fittings on a PVC riser mounted to a telephone pole?

Response: No

Motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2025 made by Paul Scheiner seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

- iii. 527 CMR 12.00, 215.18 submitted by Sarah Andrade received February 21, 2025.

Question 1# Based on the New 2023 article 215.18, are surge protection devices required in each sub panel in the dwelling units?

Response: Yes

Motion to approve minutes from March 4, 2025 made by Paul Scheiner seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carried.

iv. 527 CMR 12.00, 100-110.26(a)(3) submitted by Kevin McKeown received February 26, 2025.

Question 1# Is Busway/busduct with multiple plug openings for disconnecting means/ devices considered to be electrical equipment according to the definition in article 100 Equipment?

Response: No Response, this question requires more clarification to be answered as Yes/No
No Action

Question #2 If Busway/busduct is electrical equipment as article 100 states and is rated at 2500amps with 2-400amp disconnects and is located in an electrical room would the personnel doors need to open in the direction of egress with listed fire exit hardware.

Response: No Response

No Action

8. *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

No Action

9. Flame Effects Work Group

No Action

10. BSEE/BFPR Work Group

No Action

Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on May 1, 2025 at DFS, Stow – Board and Commissions Room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 1:27 p.m.

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 5/1/25