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BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Microsoft Teams

The following Board Members were present:

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

Jonathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.
Chief Martin Dyer

Patty Sheehan
Colin Kelly
Jenifer Hoyt

Chair, BFPR
Fire Marshal
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 (**Left Meeting 1:50**)
Building Official
Boston Fire Department Commissioner (Designee)
Member of the Public

The following Board Members were absent:

John Cox
Michael Newbury

Keith Pogarian

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

DFS Staffing were present:

Mary Ann Smith
Glenn Rooney
Jake Nunnemacher
Marc Oddo
Joe Townsend
Peter Ostroskey

Executive Director to the Board
General Counsel to the Board
Fire Prevention Engineer
Code Compliance Officer
Code Compliance Officer
DFS, Staff

Guests were present:

Monthly Board Meeting

Monthly meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Larry Fisher officially introduced Jennifer Hoyt as the recently appointed BFPR member. She will hold the position of Member of the Public. Jennifer is a Fire Protection Engineer and holds a position as a technical Advisor at Code Red Consultants.

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

Motion to approve the October 2, 2025 meeting minutes made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Richard Arruda. 10 in favor, 1 abstain (Jen Hoyt). 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 second meeting on October 15, 2025. The last date for Code Change Proposal submittals will be November 3, 2025. The Next meeting is scheduled on November 5, 2025.
2. Mary Ann Smith provided an update on the Staff Work towards the NFPA 1, 2024 review process.
 - a. Staff has recommended adoption of NFPA 855, 2026 edition.
 - b. Administrative Committee reviews are expected to be completed prior to the next meeting.
3. Board Review:
 - The Board will wait on promulgating further Chapters until the November 6th BFPR meeting.
 - Alfonso Ibarreta, Equipment Code Committee Chair reviewed Chapter 55 and accepted the new language.
 - Jake Nunnemacher suggests that the Equipment Code Committee review the language in NFPA 855, 2026 edition, chapter 15 and bring in specific sections into chapter.

Motion to forward NFPA 855, 2026 edition for review to the Equipment Code Committee made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Alfonso Ibarreta. All in favor. Motion Carries.

- Chris Towski gave an update on NFPA 800 provision coming out possibly in December.

Motion to review NFPA 800 when the provision comes out by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Chris Towski, all in favor. Motion Carries.

Old Business

Committee/ Reports

1. Administrative Code Committee

No Action

2. General Requirements Code Committee

No Action

3. Occupancy Code Committee

No Action

4. Processing Code Committee

No Action

5. Equipment Code Committee

Motion to accept Chapter 55 with edit to change 1.13.8(a) to 1.13.8(d) to 1.13.8(a) to 1.13.8(e) made by Alfonso Ibarreta, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to change language to reflect tables 1.13.8(e) and 1.13.8(f) throughout amendment package where appropriate made by Alfonso Ibarreta, seconded by Jon Eisenberg. All in favor. Motion Carries.

6. Hazardous Code Committee

Minutes, September 26, 2025

Motion to accept minutes from September 26, 2025 made Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Schiener. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Minutes, September 30, 2025

Motion to accept minutes from September 30, 2025 made Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Schiener. All in favor. Motion Carries.

7. Electrical Code Committee

No Action

8. Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee

Minutes, September 24, 2025

Motion to accept minutes from September 24, 2025 made Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

9. BSEE/BFPR Work Group

No Action

10. Hazmat Work Group

No Action

Items not anticipated

Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on November 6, 2025, 1:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 2:04 p.m.

Approved: Larry S. Fisher Date: 11/6/25