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**BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday November 6, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm
Place: Microsoft Teams

The following Board Members were present:

Larry Fisher	Chair, BFPR
Marshal Davine	Fire Marshal
Alfonso Ibarreta	Registered Professional Mechanical Engineer
Paul Kennedy	Inspector of Wires (Interim Chair)
Paul Scheiner, Ph. D.	Graduate Fire Chemist
Chief Arruda	Fire Chief from a community with a population of less than 25,000
Jonathan M. Eisenberg, P.E.	Registered Professional Fire Protection Engineer
Chief Martin Dyer	Fire Chief from a community with a population of more than 50,000 (Left Meeting 1:50)
Patty Sheehan	Building Official
Colin Kelly	Boston Fire Department Commissioner (Designee)
Keith Pogarian	Registered Professional Electrical Engineer

The following Board Members were absent:

Kenneth Smith	Blasting Association Member
Chris Towski	FPAM Representative
Jenifer Hoyt	Member of the Public
John Cox	Chemical Engineer
Michael Newbury	Fire Chief from a community with a population of 25,000 to 50,000

DFS Staffing were present:

David Clemons	Operations Section Chief
Glenn Rooney	General Counsel
Rachel Perlman	Deputy General Counsel
John Wood III	Code Compliance Officer
Jake Nunnemacher	Fire Engineer
Peter Ostroskey	DFS Post Retiree Manager
Ed Kawa	Director BPV
Christina Rodriguez	FSD Staff

Guests were present:

Jana Serafim	Code Red Consultants
John Nunnari	MA Chapter of American Institute of Architects

Monthly Board Meeting

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

1. *Minutes from October 20, 2025, meeting of BFPR submitted for approval.*

Motion to approve the October 2, 2025, meeting minutes made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

New Business

1. *DOL/BBRS representatives to have open discussion on the upcoming 527 CMR 1.00 amendment package.*

Attorney Rooney stated, in anticipation of the upcoming promulgation vote for the fire code, the Proposed language has been shared with the BBRS to obtain any questions, concerns or feedback from BBRS.

2. *Update on NEC 70, 2026 review.*

Chairman Fisher mentioned the NEC 70, 2026 review is still ongoing. There are about 27 proposals remaining to be reviewed. Next meeting scheduled for 11/20/25.

3. *Review 527 CMR 1.00 Draft Amendment Package based on NFPA 1, 2024 edition.*
a. *Administrative Committee Chapters 1-9 have been submitted for approval.*

Dr. Scheiner mentioned a meeting was scheduled earlier in the week, but quorum was not met. Another meeting is needed to be sure everything is captured. The first three chapters were reviewed; there was not much discussion of changes needed. The current Mass Amendments rarely have an addition note or year code, we are adding the years associated with the Massachusetts amended cited documents. The question on those is are they the most current version to be considered as the cited document or is there something in an earlier version that we want to site and not the most recent. No formal decisions were made due to not having a quorum.

Chief Arruda mentioned 1.17.16.1 code change proposal was approved by the board, but missing in Dr. Scheiner's document.

4. *Staff/Equipment Committee report on adoption of 855, 2026 edition.*

Mr. Ibarreta mentioned a meeting was held last week where the committee looked at the new version of 855, the main changes and how that would affect Chapter 52. Members agreed to adopt the 2026 edition as to not fall behind. Members voted to change Chapter 52, the old chapter referenced NFPA 855 but didn't adopt it. The new Chapter 52 would indicate that 855 applies. Some of the text will need to be changed and modified as in the new edition. Chris Towski and Jake Nunnemacher are in the process of drafting the changes to Chapter 52. Next meeting scheduled for 11/20/25 to hopefully review and approve the new chapter.

Old Business

1. *Committee/ Reports*

1. *Administrative Code Committee*

No action

2. *General Requirements Code Committee*

(1) **Minutes September 15, 2025, Meeting November 6, 2025**

Minutes from September 15, 2025, not yet drafted. Chief Arruda mentioned the General Requirements Committee met today and tried to complete the final brush over of Chapter 10-19. Not finalized yet, but another meeting is scheduled for 11/25/25 to finish the work.

3. *Occupancy Code Committee*

No action

4. *Processing Code Committee*

No action

5. *Equipment Code Committee*

(1) **Minutes May 15, 2025, Meeting October 28, 2025**

No action, hold for next meeting.

6. *Hazardous Code Committee*

(1) **Minutes October 23, 2025, Meeting October 29, 2025**

Mr. Nunnemacher mentioned the tables were clarified and made more consistent throughout.

Motion to approve October 23, 2025, meeting minutes made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mr. Eisenberg mentioned the threshold quantities for various classes of hazardous materials have been updated within the tables. Added hazmat classes to the permit requirements, which are consistent with NFPA 1.

Motion to approve October 29, 2025, meeting minutes made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

7. *Electrical Interpretation Committee*

(1) *Minutes September 21, 2025*

Motion to approve the interpretation response to John Hathaway regarding 527 CMR 12.00, 230(6) as presented by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the interpretation response to Aliankesi Kuahrenka regarding 527 CMR 12.00, 110.26 as presented by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the interpretation response to Aliankesi Kuahrenka regarding 527 CMR 12.00, 314.15 as presented by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve the interpretation response to James Silva regarding 527 CMR 12.00, 700.10(D) as presented by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion to approve September 21, 2025 meeting minutes made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Minutes October 21, 2025

Motion to approve the interpretation response to James Silva regarding 527 CMR 12.00, 517.26, 700.10(D) as presented by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries. Motion withdrawn by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy.

Motion to approve the interpretation response to Kevin Ledoux regarding 527 CMR 12.00, 240.24 as presented by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries.

8. *Massachusetts Electrical Advisory Committee*

(1) ***Minutes October 15, 2025, Next Meeting November 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. (DFS, Stow)***

Chairman Fisher stated the next meeting will be on November 20, 2025.

Motion to approve October 15, 2025, meeting minutes made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion Carries. Motion retracted by Larry Fisher, minutes not provided.

9. *NFPA 45 Work Group*

No action

10. *Hazmat Work Group*

Meeting October 16, 2025, Next Meeting TBA.

Motion to approve October 16, 2025, meeting minutes made by Jon Eisenberg, seconded by Paul Scheiner. All in favor. Motion Carries.

11. *Lithium Ion Battery (NFPA 800)*

No action

2. *Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.*

Chairman Fisher would like to dedicate this new edition of the Fire Code to Deputy Chief Thomas Ferraro. **Motion made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Motion carries.**

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Scheiner, seconded by Paul Kennedy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Approved: *Larry S. Fisher* Date: 12/4/25