**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**Public Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2022 @ 10 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:**

David Riquinha  present  absent

Lisa Davey  present  absent

Michael McDowell  present  absent

John Couture  present  absent

Jeffrey Clemons  present  absent Kent Vinson  present  absent Darien Crimmin  present  absent

Tarica Leskiw  present  absent

Betsy Pettit  present  absent

Atiya Rahim  present  absent

Sy Nguyen  present  absent

Layla D’Emilia, or designee  present  absent

Peter Ostroskey, or designee  present  absent Patrick Woodcock,or designee  present  absent

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

1. **Review \Vote** BBRS meeting minutes for December 13, 2022

After a review of the minutes, Michael McDowell made a **Motion** to approve accept the meeting minutes from December 13, 2022. Lisa Davey **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson **abstained**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review \Vote** BOCC meeting minutes for December 6, 2022

After a review of the minutes, Jeffrey Clemons made a **Motion** to approve accept the meeting minutes from December 6, 2022. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review \Vote** BCAB meeting minutes for November 22, 2022, and December 1, 2022

After a review of the minutes, Kent Vinson made a **Motion** to approve accept the meeting minutes from November 22, 2022, and December 1, 2022. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review** Commissioner’s Report on process improvements

Sarah Wilkinson, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety Inspections & Operations, provided a brief presentation to the board on changes that the Department of Occupational Licensure will be undertaking regarding certain internal processes. Specifically, the Deputy Commissioner notified the members that due to certain operational issues, the agency intends to cease printing physical licenses in the near future. As part of this change, the online portal is being updated to augment existing functions to allow anyone to easily confirm whether someone is licensed and whether the status of that license is active or inactive in real time. The intended effective date of this change will be March 1st, 2023.

1. **Review \Discuss** Executive Director Report on the Draft 10th Edition

Greer Spatz, Executive Director to the BBRS, informed the board of the status of the promulgation process of the 10th edition. The next step of the process is the same as it was since October, the Building Code Coordinating Council (BCCC) needs to meet in order to review and vote on the draft edition. Once the BCCC has voted to continue the promulgation of the 10th edition, further internal review must take place, then a public hearing date can be set. Staff noted that at least one hearing is required, but multiple hearings could be held in person and/or virtually and could include a written comment period, further discussions will occur with the Board as to how those hearing or hearings will be arranged.

1. **Review \Discuss** Process for guidance for Building Officials on 225 CMR and 527 CMR

As there had been some confusion regarding which editions of codes 225 CMR, 527 CMR, and 780 CMR building officials are meant to follow, the executive director clarified that the most recent edition of 527 CMR went into effect on December 9, 2022 with no concurrency period, and that, per DOER, while the most recent edition of 225 CMR has been filed with the Secretary of State’s Office, many of the changes will not be effective until July 1, 2023. At this time, the Chair allowed attendees to address the Board who requested that training regarding the 10th edition of 780 CMR be provided to licensees and building officials. The Executive Director indicated that there is an intent to develop training once the 10th edition had been finalized.

1. **Review \Vote** Construction Supervisor License Waivers and Medical Reinstatements

After a review of the renewal applications, Michael McDowell made a **Motion** to approve the CSL Waivers and Reinstatement request pending staff review. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review** Construction Supervisor License totals for the month of December

73 new Construction Supervisor Licenses were issued, 1125 were renewed, and 4 were reinstated in the month of December.

1. **Discuss** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Tarica Leskiw asked that an item be added to the agenda for the February BBRS meeting concerning adjusting the process for drafting the 2024 11th edition of CMR 780. Staff indicated that this would be added to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.