**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**Public Minutes**

**March 14, 2023 @ 10 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:**

David Riquinha [ ]  present [x]  absent

Lisa Davey [x]  present [ ]  absent

Michael McDowell [x]  present [ ]  absent

John Couture [x]  present [ ]  absent

Jeffrey Clemons [x]  present [ ]  absent Kent Vinson [x]  present [ ]  absent Darien Crimmin [x]  present [ ]  absent

Tarica Leskiw [x]  present [ ]  absent

Betsy Pettit [x]  present [ ]  absent

Atiya Rahim [ ]  present [x]  absent

Sy Nguyen [x]  present [ ]  absent

Layla D’Emilia, or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent

Peter Ostroskey, or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent Patrick Woodcock,or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

Lisa Davey and Darien Crimmin did not participate in items 1 to 3.

1. **Review \Vote** BBRS meeting minutes for February 14, 2023

After a review of the minutes from the BBRS February 14, 2023, meeting, Jeffrey Clemons made a **Motion** to approve the minutes with minor semantical edits. Ian Finlayson **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemens voted **YES**, Kent Vinson abstained**,** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Pettit voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen 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 February 7, 2023

After a review of the minutes from the BOCC February 7, 2023, meeting, Michael McDowell made a **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemens voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES,** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Pettit voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen 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 January 24, 2023, and February 9, 2023

After a review of the minutes from the BCAB January 24, 2023, and the February 9, 2023, meeting, Michael McDowell made a **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemens voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES,** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Pettit voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

Lisa Davey and Darien Crimmin joined the meeting and participated in subsequent votes.

1. **Review \Vote** Public Hearing Process for the 10th Edition

A brief recap of the previous month’s proposal for the Public Hearing Process of the 10th edition was provided by Executive Director Greer Spatz, who indicated the most recent draft proposal was for two hearings with one being virtual and one being in person, and a one-week comment period after the last public hearing. Jeffrey Clemons suggested that there be 3 public hearings, one in person, one virtual, and one hybrid version, and a two week public comment period after the last public hearing as opposed to only one week. He also expressed an interest in hearing the opinion of David Riquinha, the Chair of the BBRS, on what would be the best process for public comment. John Couture agreed that the Chair’s opinion should be taken into consideration prior to a vote. Staff indicated that the Division of Occupational Licensure does not have the capacity at this time to provide a hybrid public hearing, The board was also informed that there was not a need for the board to have quorum to hold a public hearing, however board members are encouraged to attend as many hearings as possible. Tarica Leskiw voiced a preference in having geographically diverse hearings, even if it requires multiple hearings held in various locations throughout the state. Board members were encouraged to provide staff with written proposals for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be voted on, and the discussion was tabled for a future meeting once a proposal had been provided for the board to review.

1. **Review \Discuss** Procedures for future code cycles

Executive Director Greer Spatz reiterated that the discussion had been split between board members where members were in favor of a 3 year cycle, while other preferred to review the code every 5 years as in previous code cycles. This was further deliberated, and the merits of both options were discussed in depth. Ian Finlayson suggested a speaker from the ICC present to the board the changes made during each code cycle to provide the board better education on the changes that occurred between the previous and current version of the ICC, Lisa Davey and Tarica Leskiw agreed and indicated this would support a possible transition to a three year code cycle as board members would be better equipped to address code change proposals that are sent in by the public. John Couture voiced a concern that while a three-year code cycle is possible, the main issue he could see arising is needing to train building officials on the changes and educating CSL constituents on the updates to the code. He claimed that if there were less Massachusetts specific amendments added to future code cycles, this would simplify the process. Jeffrey Clemons voiced agreement to John Couture’s concern, and suggested that subcommittees proposals on specific board charged requests only be reviewed and voted on once. Board Counsel Charles Kilb advised the members that if there is a simple ratification of ICC changes to the building code then a 3-year cycle would be practical, however if discussion of Massachusetts specific amendments will be an ongoing concern for future cycles, similar to what occurred during the 10th edition drafting process, a 5 or 6 year cycle may be more realistic.

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

After a brief review of the CSL Waivers and Medical Reinstatements, John Couture made a **Motion** to approve the meeting minutes. Michael McDowell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemens voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES,** Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Pettit voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen 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 February

There were 117 Construction Supervisor Licenses issued, 1304 licenses were renewed, and 3 were reinstated in the month of February. Jeffrey Clemons inquired if CSL licenses had moved entirely online and are no longer being printed. Staff informed the board that an update would be provided at the next meeting.

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

John Nunnari asked the board if there would be a process for the board to handle and review public comments. Staff indicated that that would be discussed further once the number of meetings and the timeframe for public comment was decided on. Deliberation of the public comments have historically been done in the regularly scheduled public meeting after public comment period closes. Staff advised that language proposals can be considered at the public meeting, and it would be useful if the a public attendee participating in a hearing provided a proposed change with a rational for that change.

Ian Finlayson shared that more residential stretch code trainings are available for review on the DOER website.

At 11:08, a **Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting by Michael McDowell, Lisa Davey **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemens voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES,** Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Pettit voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.**

Documents Used During Meeting

Agenda

BBRS meeting minutes

BOCC meeting minutes

BCAB meeting minutes

CSL Waivers and Medical Reinstatements