**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**Public Minutes**

**April 11, 2023 @ 10 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:**

David Riquinha [x]  present [ ]  absent

Lisa Davey [ ]  present [x]  absent

Michael McDowell [ ]  present [x]  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 [ ]  present [x]  absent

Atiya Rahim [x]  present [ ]  absent

Sy Nguyen [x]  present [ ]  absent

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

Peter Ostroskey, or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent DOER person,or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

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

Jeffrey Clemmons made a **Motion** to approve the BBRS meeting minutes for March 14, 2023. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha abstained, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim 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 February 27, 2023 and March 21, 2023

John Couture made a **Motion** to approve the BCAB meeting minutes for February 27, 2023 and March 21, 2023. Kent Vinson **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **Yes,** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim 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** Public Hearing Process Proposal

Tarica Leskiw opened the discussion describing the proposed public hearing processed as outlined in her written proposal. Ian Finlayson indicated that he believed the proposal was very comprehensive however he believed that holding at least one meeting closer to the southeast portion of the state would make the hearings more accessible. Kristen McDonough also inquired if there is a specific process for hybrid meetings to be properly implemented. Acting Executive Director Greer Spatz indicated to the board that the Division of Occupational Licensure does not have the ability to host hybrid meetings, and the meeting must be held exclusively in person or online. Further discussion on the locations and number of hearings were had among the board members. After deciding on the locations, Kent Vinson made a **Motion** to hold one hearing in Springfield, one in Boston, and one virtually. Jeffrey Clemons **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **YES**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously.** The dates of the hearing will be scheduled once the draft version has been approved by HED. A brief discussion was had in regards to when the public comment should start and end, and how close the hearings should be held to each other. David Riquinha made a **Motion** to schedule one hearing per week, and to then close the public comment period one week after the last hearing is held. Jeffrey Clemons **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES,** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES**, Ian Finlayson voted **NO**, and Kristen McDonough voted **YES**. The motion **PASSED** 10-1.

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

John Couture made a **Motion** to approve all waivers and reinstatements. Kent Vinson **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made where David Riquinha voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Jeffrey Clemons voted **YES**, Kent Vinson voted **YES,** Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim 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 March

In the month of March 2023 there were 240 issued, 1497 renewed, 10 reinstated Construction Supervisor Licenses.

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

John Couture inquired if there could be an item added to the next meeting agenda regarding the training of building officials on the building code and its implementation, specifically addressing MGL Chapter 143 Section 99. Jeffrey Clemons voiced a support for discussing this at a future meeting. Staff indicated that an agenda item could be added to the next meeting regarding training.

John Couture made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jeffrey Clemons **Seconded** the motion. No board member opposed the adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM

*Documents Used During Meeting*

BBRS meeting minutes for March 14, 2023

BCAB meeting minutes for February 27, 2023 and March 21, 2023

Public Hearing Process Proposal

CSL Waivers and Medical Reinstatements

CSL Report Totals for the month of March