**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**Public Minutes**

**May 9, 2023 @ 10 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Roll Call, by BBRS Chair:**

David Riquinha [x]  present [ ]  absent

Lisa Davey [x]  present [ ]  absent

Michael McDowell [x]  present [ ]  absent

John Couture [x]  present [ ]  absent

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

Tarica Leskiw [x]  present [ ]  absent

Betsy Pettit [x]  present [ ]  absent

Atiya Rahim [x]  present [ ]  absent

Sy Nguyen [x]  present [ ]  absent

Sarah Wilkinson, or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent

Peter Ostroskey, or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent Elizabeth Maloney,or designee [x]  present [ ]  absent

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

1. **Review \Vote** BBRS meeting minutes for April 11, 2023

John Couture made a **Motion** to approve the BBRS April 11, 2023 meeting minutes, Michael McDowell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review \Vote** BCAB meeting minutes for April 6, 2023

The April 18, 2023 meeting minutes were not ready for review by the board. Only the April 6, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed at this meeting. John Couture made a **Motion** to approve the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes and Michael McDowell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review \Vote** BOCC meeting minutes for March 7, 2023

John Couture made a **Motion** to approve the March 7, 2023, BOCC meeting minutes and Michael McDowell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review \Discuss** BOCC Designee from BBRS

Staff informed the board that the previous chair to the BOCC had resigned from his position on the board, and a new member must be appointed by the BBRS. The new BOCC member does not have to be a member of the BBRS board and may be a member of the public. This appointed individual will be discussed and voted on at the next BBRS meeting, the BOCC will be allowed to suggest individuals for selection.

1. **Review \Discuss** Public Hearing pursuant to MGL c.143, s.97 – no petitions submitted by March 17, 2023 deadline

As no petitions were submitted prior to the deadline, no petitions were discussed or reviewed. The next statutory public hearing will occur on November 8, 2023. No action was taken on this item. The chair indicated that any comments regarding changes to the 9th edition could be heard at the end of the BBRS meeting.

1. **Review \Vote** Elections

John Couture made a **Motion** to nominate David Riquinha for the position of Chair. Lisa Davey **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**. Tarica Leskiw made a **Motion** to nominate Lisa Davey for the position of Vice Chair. Peter Ostroskey **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Discuss \Vote** Proposed Guidance Regarding Temporary Occupancy Permits for Emergency Shelters

After some deliberation regarding the language of the proposed memo, Peter Ostroskey made a **Motion** to approve the memo as drafted with one amendment to strike the language “The BBRS strongly encourages local building officials to utilize a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy when permitted to do so by law.” and to post the memo as official guidance from the BBRS. Ian Finlayson **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **NO**, Darien Crimmin voted **NO**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **NO**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion **PASSED** 9-3.

1. **Discuss** meeting the requirements regarding BBRS training as per M.G.L. c. 143, s. 99

John Couture opened the discussion by providing a historical account of previous forms of Building Official training. After some discussion on the various methods in which training topics could be decided on and the various ways that training could be administered, the board decided that a subcommittee should be formed to return with a written plan no later than the September 12, 2023, BBRS meeting regarding the training of building officials pursuant to MGL c. 143, s. 99. The board members appointed to this Subcommittee were John Couture, Tarica Leskiw, Sy Nguyen, Ian Finlayson, and Richard Baldacci and the newly formed subcommittee will meet at a future date in the form of a public meeting to discuss the proposal further.

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

David Riquinha made a **Motion** to approve the CSL Waivers and Medical Reinstatements included in the meeting packet. John Couture **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

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

There were 141 new Construction Supervisor Licenses issued, 1060 renewed Construction Supervisor Licenses, and 6 reinstated Construction Supervisor Licenses distributed in the month of April.

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

Board member Tarica Leskiw inquired if a subcommittee could also be formed for drafting the 11th edition processes to make the review of proposals more efficient. The Chair advised that another subcommittee may be formed after the September 12, 2023 meeting when the subcommittee formed during this meeting completes its direction from the board.

Some public comments were made urging the board to attempt to resolve matters regarding training as soon as possible so as to properly inform officials of the changes the 10th edition will bring. The Chair reminded the public that the implementation of training will be reliant on the completed promulgation of the 10th edition, and a review of proposals heard at the 10th edition hearing.

At 12:03 p.m., Michael McDowell made a **Motion** to adjourn and Lisa Davey **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where David Riquinha voted **YES**, Lisa Davey voted **YES**, Michael McDowell voted **YES**, John Couture voted **YES**, Darien Crimmin voted **YES**, Tarica Leskiw voted **YES**, Betsy Petit voted **YES**, Atiya Rahim voted **YES**, Sy Nguyen voted **YES**, Richard Baldacci voted **YES,** Peter Ostroskey voted **YES**, and Ian Finlayson voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

*Documents Used During Meeting*

BBRS meeting minutes for April 11, 2023

BCAB meeting minutes for April 6, 2023

BOCC meeting minutes for March 7, 2023

Memo of Guidance Regarding Temporary Occupancy Permits for Emergency Shelters

CSL Waivers and Medical Reinstatements

CSL Totals for April 2023