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BUILDING OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

November 5, 2024

Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 5, 2024

DOL Satellite Office

365 East Street Tewksbury, MA 01876

Hybrid Meeting

Meeting called into order at 9:04am

- a. Michael Giampietro, Chair, Member at Large present absent
- b. John Naff, Vice Chair, Member at Large present absent
- c. David Fuller, MBCIA present absent
- d. Michael Clancy, SEMBOA present absent
- e. Henry Fontaine, MetroWest present absent
- f. Andrew Bobola, BBRS Representative present absent
- g. George Peterson, BOWM present absent
- h. Kevin Ross, Member at Large present absent
- i. Mark Robidoux, Member at Large present absent
- j. VACANT, MMA Representative present absent
- k. VACANT, Member of Academia present absent

1) **Review/Vote** Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2024

David Duller made a motion to approve meeting minutes from October 1, 2024, seconded by Henry Fontaine. The motion passed unanimously.

2) **Review/Discuss Hearings**

a. BOCC-17-2024 Christopher Rowe

Christopher Rowe was present for today's meeting. He requested a hearing to appeal the denial of his examination approval application at the October 2024 meeting. John Naff informed the board some of the reasons he denied Mr. Rowe because he missed the march 2024 deadline and did not have enough supervision of construction experience displayed on his resume. Mr. Rowe explained he worked as a project manager for the housing authority and neighborhood development since 2015 and in that role, he performed certificate habitability inspections with building inspectors. The board inquired if Mr. Rowe had any field experience in construction supervision. Mr. Rowe replied no but added he worked on small rehab housing projects as a project manager. Dave Fuller made a motion to table so Mr. Rowe can provide more detailed information regarding his work experience with construction supervision by the December 3rd, 2024,



meeting Seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

b. BOCC-16-2024 Jacob Neves 1548

Jacob Neves is requesting a hearing for the denial of his certification as a building official request during the October 2024 meeting. John Naff asked if the Board Counsel can provide more information regarding the Mr. Neves case. Board Counsel Phillip Chan stated Mr. Neves is certificated as a Building Official in Woonsocket, RI and has passed two out of three ICC exams B1, B2 but has not passed B3 fire plans examiner for local inspectors in Rhode Island. Mr. Chan then went over the test Mr. Neves took and passed to be a Building Commissioner in Rhode Island and reminded the board that Massachusetts does not have reciprocity with any state. John Naff acknowledges the BBRS R7 regulations do not have reciprocity from out of state and asked counsel due to Mr. Neves national certification was there any path forward. Board Counsel explained that Mr. Neves did not pass the fire plans examiner test which is required in Massachusetts to become a local inspector. Board Counsel stated if individuals want to take the exams to become a building official in Massachusetts, they need permission from the BOCC to do so. He also added that the intent is for applicants to take the exam in Massachusetts, not take the exams in other states. Mr. Neves explained to the board that in Rhode Island he wasn't required to take the plans examiner test (F3) but holds a Fire Marshall's Certification. Counsel Chan asked Mr. Neves if he had five years' experience of supervisory construction. Mr. Neves explained in detail his experience in respect to construction supervision for the last 10 years to the board. David Fuller made a motion to approve Mr. Neves to take the F3 ICC fire plans exam seconded by Mark Robidoux.

A roll call vote was conducted:

Michael Giampietro	No
John Naff	Yes
David Fuller	Yes
Henry Fontaine	Yes
Kevin Ross	Yes
Mark Robidoux	Yes

The motion carries.

3) **Review/Discuss-** Executive Director Report

Christopher Rogers let board members know staff is still reaching out to those building officials, deficient for 45 hours and sending out renewal notices. Mr. Rogers told the board that there is a new renewal feature on the state website for building officials to renew online. Andrew Bridges added that on November 15th, 2024, building officials will be eligible for renewal and have through the end of December 2024 to renew. Mr. Rogers also told the board DOL is moving to One Federal St Boston, MA in March of 2025.

4) **Review/Discuss-** Board Counsel Report

Philip Chan suggested the board should have a discussion in the future regarding recognizing licensees/credentials from other states, and examinations nationally accepted. Mr. Chan said he would draft a policy regarding out-of-state licensees that can be reviewed by the Board.

5) **New Employee Report Forms**

a. Christopher McWhite

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Christopher McWhite as commissioner seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Daniel Antonelli

Henry Fontaine made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Daniel Antonelli as conditional local inspector seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Henry Fontaine

Mr. Fontaine is a current BOCC board member, and the board would not have quorum with his recusal, so his application was tabled.

d. Jason Silva

Mark Robidoux made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Jason Silva as Commissioner seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Joseph Depina

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Joseph Depina seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

f. John Burke (Tabled in October 2024)

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for John Burke as conditional local inspector seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

g. Marc Joseph (Tabled in October 2024)

The BOCC expressed concern that there may be a date discrepancy in the NERF provided for Marc Joseph. Marc Joseph appeared with Attorney Edward Coburn, Assistant Commissioner and General Counsel for the Inspectional Services Department at the City of Boston. Mr. Joseph explained the perceived discrepancy in the NERF. David Fuller made a motion to table the NERF for Marc Joseph as Building commissioner so Commissioner Rio of Boston can come in and speak to the board. John Naff requested all the NERF applications signed by Mr. Joseph since July 2024 be provided, seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

h. Malcolm Farrell

David Fuller made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Malcolm Farrell as Conditional Local Inspector seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

i. Marcus Silva

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Marcus Silva as Conditional Local Inspector seconded by David Fuller. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

j. Robbin Jones

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Robbin Jones as Conditional Local Inspector seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

k. Robert E. Garside

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Robert E. Garside as Commissioner seconded by David Fuller. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

l. Thomas Delaney

David Fuller made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Thomas Delaney as Commissioner seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

m. Thomas Seniuk

Kevin Ross made a motion to acknowledge the NERF for Thomas Seniuk seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

6) Application for Certification Packets

a. David Kulikowski

David Fuller made motion to approve application for certification as Local Inspector for David Kulikowski seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Joseph O. Pivero

David Fuller made motion to approve application for certification as Local Inspector for Joseph O. Pivero seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Keith MacDonald

Kevin Ross made a motion to deny the application for certification for Keith Macdonald because he took the 1b and 1a without BOCC approval seconded by David Fuller. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously

d. Melissa MacDonald

David Fuller made a motion to approve the application for certification as a Local Inspector for Melissa MacDonald seconded by Henry Fountaine. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Slater Panosian

Kevin Ross made a motion to approve the application for certification as a Local Inspector for Slater Panosian seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

7) Extension of Time Request

a. Gary Clements

Kevin Ross made a motion to approve the 1st extension of time for 6 months for Gary Clements seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed Unanimously.

b. John Mushinsky

David Fuller made a motion to approve the 1st extension of time for 6 months for John Mushinsky seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed Unanimously.

c. Joseph Depina

Kevin Ross made a motion to approve the 1st extension of time for 6 months for Joseph Depina seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed Unanimously.

8) Applications for Continuing Education

a. Form A

10.10.2024 C.02 Attendee Report OPSI ENT

10.16.2024 R1.1 and R1.2 Classroom Sign In OPSI ENT

10.23.2024 R6.0 Attendee Report OPSI ENT

10.08.2024 C.01 Attendee Report OPSI ENT

BOWM 09.18.24 ENT

BOWM 10-16-24 ENT

District 1 09.30.24 ENT

District 12 10.08.24

District 12 8.29.24 ENT

District 2 May 21, 2024, ENT
District 4 9.25.24 ENT
Louise Vera State Inspector Training 02-07-23 ENT
Louise Vera State Inspector Training 07-11-23 ent
May 23, 2024, SEMBOA sign in sheets ENT
MBCIA Form A nov 24
MWBO ICC 09.17.24 Form A ENT
SEMBOA 10.16.2024 ENT
SEMBOA AUGUST 2023 SIGN IN SHEETS ent
SEMBOA JUNE SIGN IN sheets ENT
SEMBOA NOVEMBER 2023 ENT
Trench Regulation Training Vera ENT

David Fuller made a motion to approve the Form A submission, which was seconded by Kevin Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Form B
Ara Yogurtian
Brian Ronan (16 hours for teaching)
Chris Regan
Christian Duquette
Christopher McWhite (52 hours approved)
David McRae
Donald R. Torrico
Iilir Papa
Jacob Lazzara
Jeffrey Wood
Jesse Anthony
Louis Cavagnaro
Michael Ciampa
Michael Robidoux
Michael Yanovitch
Ryan Contenta
Scott J. Lambiase
Sebastian Mroczka
Steve Frederickson
Tony Whitman
William Kelly
Wesley Mroczka
William LePage

David Fuller made a motion to approve Form B 52 hours for Christopher McWhite only, which was seconded by Mark Robidoux. The motion passed unanimously.

David Fuller made a motion to approve the Form B submissions, along with the revisions in credit hours, which was seconded by Kevin Ross. The motion passed unanimously.

9) Examination Approval Packets

a. Alisha Phillips

Kevin Ross made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Alisha Phillips for Local Inspector only, seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Bruce Draper

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Bruce Draper, seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

c. David Kulikowski

Mark Robidoux made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for David Kulikowski, seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Douglas G. Arnold

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Douglas G. Arnold, seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Eleanor MacKay

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Eleanor MacKay seconded by Mark Robidoux. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

f. James Murdock Jr

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for James Murdock Jr, seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

g. Jason Goodwin

Kevin Ross made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Jason Goodwin, seconded by David Fuller. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

h. Jeremy Devonick

David Fuller made a motion to deny due to lack of 5 years' experience the examination approval packet for Jeremy Devonick, seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

i. Joseph Reen

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Joseph Reen seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

j. Kevin Flanagan

Kevin Ross made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Kevin Flanagan seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

k. Marcelo Freire

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Marcelo Freire seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

l. Michael Spinucci

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Michael Spinucci, seconded by Henry Fontaine. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

m. Thaddeus S. Siemasko

David Fuller made a motion to approve the examination approval packet for Thaddeus S. Siemasko, seconded by Kevin Ross. A roll call vote was conducted, the motion passed unanimously.

10) Retirement Notice

None

11) Additional Business / Other matters as not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advanced of Meeting

Members want to discuss updates to R7 in the 10th Edition Building Code as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Next meeting location December 3rd 2024, Wrentham Public Safety Building.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dave Fuller at 11:30 am seconded by Kevin Ross, a roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

12) Closed Session – Quasi-Judicial – CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, §, 18.(d)

None