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**Existing Building Code Committee (Ch. 34)**

Chairman DiMascio took roll call:

*Layla D'Emilia, or designee	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Mike DiMascio, Chair	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
**Peter Ostroskey, or designee	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Doug Anderson	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Fred Lonardo	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Lee Cleveland	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mike Grover	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Michael Shearer	<input type="checkbox"/> present √ absent
Dana Haagensen	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Erik Eklund	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Kevin Hastings	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Barry Gehrom	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent
Vernon Woodworth	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Dave Horton	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent

\* *Dan Walsh participated as the designee for DPL Commissioner, Lyla D'Emilia.*

\*\**Jacob Nunnemacher participated as the designee for State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.*

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*This was a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting.*

*May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

**General notes on format of these minutes**

- *These minutes represent general points of discussion by members and audience participants during the regular meeting session. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*
- *Votes are noted as MOTION by, seconded by, and whether it was a unanimous or split vote.*
- *Agenda topics as numbered may be in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*
- *The meeting agenda is listed as EXHIBIT A; others are listed sequentially as addresses during the meeting.*

**Regular Meeting Portion**

1. Minutes. On a MOTION by Lee Cleveland, seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher, it was a unanimous vote to approve the draft meeting minutes for May 12, 2021, Existing Building Code Technical Advisory Committee (EAC) as amended (EXHIBIT B). The edits included adding a sentence to the Chapter 11 discussion that Dan Walsh would check with Rob Anderson about how the IBC will reference A117. Also, under Chapter 13, the discussion included tightening the values in Table 1301.6.3 would be a considerable undertaking, but making sure the section uses the MA definitions of fire alarm systems might be more manageable.
2. Review\Vote recommendations on the 2021 International Existing Building Code. The group decided to table Chapter 3. Next Chairman Mike DiMascio talked about Chapter 6 and the 2021 version striking reconfiguration of space in Section 603.1. He explained this likely happened because is part of the work area



definition. On a MOTION by Doug Anderson, seconded by Mike Grover, it was a unanimous vote to approve Chapter 6 (EXHIBIT C).

The group then discussed Chapter 10 and Dan Walsh explained how Rob Anderson is intending to recommend how reference to A117 should be handled in the IBC. He explained A117 is an accessibility standard and Mass uses 521 CMR and the 9th edition refers the user to 521 CMR. There has not been any confusion and/or question with regard to how to apply 521 CMR when using/enforcing the ninth edition. The discussion included Section 1011.4 refers to Section 808 in A117, an enhanced classroom acoustics requirement, some do not believe 521 CMR includes similar requirements. Kevin Hastings offered to check with AAB to see if 527 CMR include acoustic requirements, and Chairman Mike DiMascio offered to check with ICC about whether Section 808 is an accessibility requirement. The group decided to table Chapter 10 (EXHIBIT D).

Next the group discussed Chapter 13 and Chairman DiMascio talked about not experiencing people using the provisions to avoid installing fire sprinklers. Kerry Dietz talked about her experiences do not include using this section. Vernon mentioned it is an obsolete. Mike Grover spoke about making changes can cause unintentional problems but agrees with using MA definitions. Some members were going to look into fire alarm systems. The group tabled to hear back from Dana. (EXHIBIT E).

Chapter 14 was discussed next. The group discussed the requirements for a project involving moving a building and change the use the building has to meet the code for new construction. On a MOTION by Mike Grover, seconded by Doug Anderson, it was a unanimous vote to approve Chapter 14 (EXHIBIT F).

Next the group discussed Chapter 15. Jacob Nunnemacher talked about making sure the provisions in this chapter do not create conflict the fire prevention code and NFPA 241. Chairman Mike DiMascio asked for any issues or conflicts that anyone has. Jacob Nunnemacher offered to do a side by side comparison with NFPA 241 to identify conflicts. Doug Anderson talked about the protection of pedestrians and wondered if the provisions go far enough. The group decided to table until the June 23rd meeting.

3. Mike Grover talked about retiring at the end of this week and how he has enjoyed serving on the Committee for many years. He also spoke about how rewarding serving on the Committee has been. Many in the group thanked Mike for his service and spoke highly for his work on the Committee and his participation invaluable.
4. Doug Anderson talked about roof deck access for projects in Boston and the BCAB grants these requests. He spoke about changing the code for these to be by-right in the future.
5. Adjourn Session. On a MOTION by Mike Grover, seconded by Doug Anderson, it was unanimously VOTED by ROLL CALL to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 11:42 a.m.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

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- A. Meeting Agenda.
- B. Draft Meeting Minutes May 12, 2021.
- C. 2021\_IEBC\_Ch.6 Working Draft Chapter 6 2018 & 2021 Changes2021\_IEBC\_Chapter 11 2018 &2021 Changes 04-28-2021 Working Draft.
- D. 2021\_IEBC\_Ch10 Working Draft 2018 & 2021 Changes
- E. 2021\_IEBC\_Working Draft Chapter 13\_ 2018 & 2021 Changes.
- F. 2021\_IEBC\_Working Draft Chapter 14 2018 & 2021 Change