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MEETING MINUTES

A virtual meeting of the *Fire Protection Fire Prevention Committee (FPFP) of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards* was held on:

September 15, 2021, beginning about 10:06 am.

Roll Call.

Michael Roescher, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dave LeBlanc, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Commissioner DPL designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dan Walsh for the Commissioner		
Paul Donga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Fredrick L. Tustin	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent

Louise Vera	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
<Architect -Vacant>	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Fire Marshal designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Jacob Nunnemacher for the Fire Marshal		
Joseph Castronovo	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent

Agenda:

The meeting started with introductions because this was the first meeting for Michael Roescher and serving as Chairman.

1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2021. On a **MOTION** by Paul Donga seconded by Dave LeBlanc it was a unanimous vote to approve, the draft meeting minutes for the March 31, 2021, FPFP (BBRS) meeting (**EXHIBIT B**). Jacob Nunnemacher, Michael Roescher, and Dan Walsh abstained.
2. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021. On a **MOTION** by Paul Donga seconded by Dave LeBlanc it was a unanimous vote to approve, the draft meeting minutes for the March 31, 2021, FPFP (BBRS) meeting as amended (**EXHIBIT C**). Jacob Nunnemacher, Michael Roescher, and Dan Walsh abstained. The group identified which persons attended the meeting so that information is added to the meeting minutes.
3. Discuss\Vote of 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th edition of 780CMR. Dan Walsh explained that the CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015, 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 09-15-2021 document (**EXHIBIT D**) is a compilation of the first pass of IBC 2021 Chapter 9 and the 9th



edition Chapter 9 Mass Amendments that Bob Carasitti provided. Chairman Roescher talked about starting with a second pass for the group to be better acquainted with the progress in reviewing Chapter 9. This effort will also allow confirming each additional Mass Amendment that the Committee ultimately recommends to the BBRs has a rationale that identifies the unique to Massachusetts matter that an amendment addresses that make it warranted. The group will also need to identify the costs associated with each amendment and the benefits to the commonwealth. Dan Walsh talked about the BBRs direction to each technical advisory Committee, working groups, and study groups regarding reviewing the 2021 I-Codes for the 10th edition, including working within the model codes with as few amendments as possible. The BBRs does recognize that some modifications are necessary due to unique Massachusetts laws, and some changes may be warranted.

The group discussion included some of the proposed amendments to Chapter 9 are insertions from the IFC, so the user does not need to search out the information. The consensus is to recommend carrying those amendments forward (radio coverage was the example used).

In some instances, the group has proposed sending the users of the code to 527CMR as a way to make requirements in Chapter 9 more black or white and does not rely on the Base Code Chapter 1 language for when to utilize 527 CMR. Because some of the proposed amendments send the users of the code to 527 CMR as a whole, and some agreed that not all of 527 CMR would be applicable, this approach appearing in the Chapter 9 working draft introduces some confusion and possible duplicative code requirements. Jacob Nunnemacher agreed to provide staff with the particular 527 CMR sections for each instance the Chapter 9 working draft proposes to send users of Chapter 9 to 527 CMR.

To help the Committee work through the second pass of the Chapter 9 working draft, Dan Walsh will distribute a BBRs Committee Assignments for the 2021 Code Transition Staff Memorandum, which the BBRs voted to update the state building code.

4. Adjourn. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc, seconded by Jacob Nunnemacher it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 11:54 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Meeting Agenda September 15, 2021.
- B. March 31, 2021, meeting minutes.
- C. April 14, 2021, meeting minutes.
- D. CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015, 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 09-15-2021 Working Draft.