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Existing Building Code Committee (Ch. 34)

Chairman DiMascio opened the meeting @ approximately 10:06 a.m. and took roll call as follows.

*Layla D'Emilia, or designee	√ present <input type="checkbox"/> absent	Mike DiMascio, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> present √ 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 Gehron	√ 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.

*** Kevin Hastings Chaired this meeting at the request of Chairman Mike DiMascio.

This was a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting.

March 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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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. **Review\Vote** recommendations on the 2021 International Existing Building Code. Dan Walsh explained that Chapter 1, 2 and the portions of Chapter 3 reviewed last meeting have been advanced to include the Mass. Amendments and the 2021 text the group agreed to carry forward.

Kerry Dietz and Jen Hoyt discussed that the documents used during meetings should be put up on the Board's website and provided to all BBRS members. Dan Walsh explained that the documents having the ICC code provisions are copyright protected, preventing posting the licensed materials on the BBRS website.



Mike Grover spoke about the two amendments he would like to have the Committee adopt (**EXHIBIT B**). He talked about the language and that it was in the 6th edition building code. He proposed the text be Note 4 in Section 101.2 Scope, and he thinks the language clarifies how the code is intended to work; “to the extent practicable.”

A review of the BBRs instructions to each technical advisory committee that additional amendments need to include how the new amendment addresses a unique Massachusetts matter. Each proposed amendment will need to have a cost analysis.

Vernon Woodworth asked for an example of an issue that the amendment would resolve. Mike Grover talked about removing an entire ceiling in a multiple-unit residential building. The amendment would allow installing a new ceiling. Doug Anderson spoke about the amendment that allows replacing an existing stairway that does not conform to the dimensionally, and this amendment would allow reconstructing the stairway.

On a **MOTION** by Doug Anderson, seconded by Fred Lonardo, it was a majority **VOTE** by **ROLL CALL** to adopt Note 4 in Section 101.2 as presented in the proposal. Jacob Nunnemacher, Fred Lonardo, Mike Grover, Dana Haagensen, Kevin Hastings, Vernon Woodworth, Doug Anderson, Lee Cleveland, Erik Eklund, Barry Gehrom, and Dave Horton, voted in the affirmative. Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

Mike Grover spoke about his second proposal to add Section 115.1.1 Latent Conditions (**EXHIBIT B**) in the IEBC. He explained the language exists in the IRC and the intent is to have the contractor notify the building official about any issues with the building.

Jake Nunnemacher spoke about putting the provision in the IBC Chapter 1. The group felt that that the proposal would function better than the IEBC. The group had a general discussion about the RDP responsibilities and the building owner's responsibilities.

On a **MOTION** by Dan Walsh, seconded by Vernon Woodworth, it was a majority **VOTE** (7 yes, 5 no) by **ROLL CALL** to not adopt the proposal. Dan Walsh, Kevin Hastings, Doug Anderson, Vernon Woodworth, Erik Eklund, Barry Gehrom, and Dave Horton, voted in the affirmative. Jacob Nunnemacher, Dana Haagensen, Fred Lonardo, Lee Cleveland, and Mike Grover voted in the negative.

The IEBC 2021 Chapter 1 advanced version which shows the results from last meeting was displayed (**EXHIBIT C**). Chairman Hastings asked if anyone had any other changes. Chairman Hastings deemed Chapter 1 complete.

Chairman Hastings asked if anyone had any changes to Chapter 2 in the IEBC 2021 (**EXHIBIT D**). Nothing was offered. Chairman Hastings deemed Chapter 2 complete.

The IEBC 2021 Chapter 3 advanced version which shows the results from last meeting was displayed (**EXHIBIT E**). Dan Walsh asked that the group revisit the Mass Amendment in Section 301.1. Last meeting the group discussed striking 26A, 26A1/2, 26G, 26G1/2, 26H, or 26I and have the text M.G.L. c. 148, § 26. He spoke about the G.L. makes the amendment unique to Massachusetts and listing each

applicable provision in G.L. 148 § 26 helps the users of the code. After a discussions, the consensus is to carry the historic amendment language forward.

The group discussed 302.10.3, and some suggested clarifying #2 under the exceptions, so the alarm sounds throughout the building. Chairman Hastings offered that the last sentence at the bottom of the exceptions explains how the alarms are intended to function. Fred Lonardo and Jake Nunnemacher offered to work to identify clarifying language.

The group no concerns with Section 303, 304, 305, and 306.

Jake Nunnemacher offered new amendment, 307.1 exception (**EXHIBIT F**). He spoke about changing the term “alarm” to “detection”. He explained that an alarm devices do not necessarily include detection. He also talked about remodeling work not always ending with the installation of an interconnected detection system.

The group discussed this amendment leaves some subjectiveness with requirements and unclear if applicable to 50% of the walls and ceilings opened or something else, and it does add cost. Doug Anderson suggested having it read 50% of the aggregate walls and ceilings.

Jake Nunnemacher offered to rework the language.

2. **Adjourn Session.** On a **MOTION** by Barry Gehron, seconded by Doug Anderson, it was unanimously **VOTED** by **ROLL CALL** to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 12:03 p.m. Dan Walsh, Jake Nunnemacher, Fred Lonardo, Danna Haagensen, Doug Anderson, Lee Cleveland, Erik Eklund, Barry Gehron, and Dave Horton all responded in the affirmative. Vernon Woodworth did not respond and presumed to have left the meeting.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Meeting Agenda March 24, 2021.
- B. Mike Grover IEBC proposed language from IRC Appendix J MA amendments.
- C. 2021_PDF IEBC_Working Draft Chapter 1 03-24-2021 Watermark.
- D. 2021_PDF IEBC_Working Draft Chapter 2 03-24-2021 Watermark.
- E. 2021_PDF IEBC_Working Draft Chapter 3 03-24-2021 Watermark.
- F. IEBC 307 Exception Proposed Change.