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MEETING MINUTES

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

January 5, 2022, beginning about 9:09 am. This was an in-person meeting.

**Roll Call.**

Michael Roescher, Chair  present  absent  
Dave LeBlanc, Vice Chair  present  absent  
Dan Walsh for the Commissioner  present  absent  
Paul Donga  present  absent  
Fredrick L. Tustin  present  absent

Louise Vera  present  absent  
Alexander MacLeod  present  absent  
Jen Hoyt for the Fire Marshal  present  absent  
Joseph Castronovo  present  absent

1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2021. The group discussed adding “in the negative” at the end of the second paragraph on page 1. Also added “that” on page 2, first paragraph in the second line between the word offered and the. Then, in the second paragraph at the end of the second sentence add “for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition”. On a **MOTION** by Fredrick Tustin seconded by Dave LeBlanc it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes for the minutes as amended (**EXHIBIT B**). Paul Donga and Joseph Castronovo abstained.
2. Discuss\Vote of 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th edition of 780CMR (**EXHIBIT C**). Dave LeBlanc asked about the BBRS deciding to move away from reducing the number of Mass Amendments where possible as part of developing the 10<sup>th</sup> edition. Dan Walsh clarified that the BBRS has not voted to change from reducing the number of Mass Amendments.

Next, the group reviewed Section 907, and while displayed, the group performed a live edit. Fredrick Tustin spoke about striking #2 and #3 in Section 907.2.11 Installation near cooking appliances requirement to capture new technology that he believes some industry standards will accept. Jen Hoyt spoke about changes coming in June 2022 to UL 217 and 268 and the new language incorporated into this change. He spoke about photoelectric technology will be phased out soon. Some talked about the code does not prohibit using a more advanced technology should the industry experience changes. Jen



Hoyt offered two new Mass Amendments; Other sleeping areas for new section 907.2.11.3 and 907.2.24, to capture instances where building officials don't treat camps and other entertainment venues that expand their operations to include sleepovers. She believes this change does not add costs (already required) and is unique to Massachusetts because building officials are not picking up on the requirements. Next, the group discussion included adding some text and a number change to Section 907.2 Where required—new buildings and structures. Jen Hoyt offered a new amendment, Section 907.2.10.1 Group S-1, to cover boat storage uses. Some spoke about the IBC Section 907.2.10 Group S covers boat storage. Jen Hoyt discussed additional requirements to eliminate the three-story provisions and add a 5,000 square foot threshold and her understanding that no cost is anticipated due to the IFC and NFPA 303 having requirements. The group also struck the Mass Amendment exception in Section 907.2.14. In addition, the group discussed having staff remove proposed new Mass Amendments to add 527 CMR 1.00 that also removed the International Fire Code.

On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Dave LeBlanc it was voted by the majority of the members to recommend Section 907 as modified during this meeting. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Fredrick Tustin, Joe Castronovo and Jen Hoyt voted in the affirmative. Louise Vera and Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

3. Adjourn. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Dave LeBlanc it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 12:01 pm.

**EXHIBITS:**

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- A. Meeting Agenda.
- B. December 1, 2021, Meeting Minutes.
- C. CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015 2018 2021 Mass Amendments 12-01-2021 Working Draft\_Meeting Version.