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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:

February 16, 2022, beginning about 9:02 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

\*Joseph Castronovo arrived about 10:00 am

1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2022. Jen Hoyt offered an edit to agenda number 2, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> line from the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph relating to the action on Section 905.10 to recommend that the BBRS not carry forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition the 9<sup>th</sup> edition text "NFPA 241". On a **MOTION** by Dave Leblanc, seconded by Jen Hoyt it was unanimously voted to approve the February 2, 2022, minutes as amended (**EXHIBIT B**). Alexander MacLeod abstained.
2. Discuss\Vote of 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th edition of 780 CMR (**EXHIBIT C**). The group discussed some 9th edition amendments proposed in a different place for the 10th edition by this group is formatted to suggest new requirements. The formatting used includes a system that identifies the group and the BBRS that sections in a new location. The group discussed the exception to Section 901.2 and whether leaving "meets the requirements of this code" needed to change. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave Leblanc, it was voted by the majority to add; shall meet the requirements as outlined in the applicable NFPA standard in Chapter 3, and strike "meets the requirements of this code" to the exception to Section 901.2. Michael Roescher, Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, and Jen Hoyt voted affirmative. Alexander MacLeod Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

The group discussed Section 901.5. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, it was seconded by Dave Leblanc to add the Section 901.5 Acceptance tests text from the 2021 IBC to the new Section 901.5. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, and Jen Hoyt voted in the affirmative. Michael Roescher, Alexander MacLeod Dan Walsh voted in the negative.



Joseph Castronovo abstained. As a result of the tied vote, the motion failed. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave Leblanc, it was voted by the majority to add “tests required by this code, the International Fire Code and the standards listed in this code shall be conducted at the expense of the owner or the owner’s authorized agent. It shall be unlawful to occupy portions of a structure until the required fire protection systems within that portion of the structure have been tested and approved” to the new Section 901.5. Michael Roescher, Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, and Jen Hoyt voted affirmative. Alexander MacLeod Dan Walsh voted in the negative. A motion by Michael Roescher, seconded by Dan Walsh to strike 527 CMR in the new Section 901.5, failed. Michael Roescher, Alexander MacLeod, Dan Walsh voted in the affirmative. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, and Jen Hoyt voted in the negative.

Jen Hoyt talked about adding a new note to Section 901.1 rather than having users of the code rely on Section 101.4.5 for when to consider the provisions in 527 CMR. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave Leblanc, it was voted by majority to add note #5 to Section 901.1; reference to the International Fire Code shall mean a reference to the international fire code in the following sections, Table 903.2.11.6, 905.1, Table 906.1, 906.1#5, 907.2.15, 910.2.2. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, and Jen Hoyt voted affirmative. Michael Roescher, Alexander MacLeod, Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

Dave LeBlanc talked about adding clarification to Section 901.2.1 Tier 3 documents so that the engineer of record could only review and approve as-built documents.

On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave Leblanc, it was voted by the majority to recommend the BBRs adopt Section 901 as amended during the meeting. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, and Jen Hoyt voted in the affirmative. Michael Roescher, Alexander MacLeod, Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

The group discussed Section 906 and changed 906.1 #4 to send the reader to Chapter 33. Jen Hoyt talked about the proposed amendments (906.4.1 and 906.4.2) are from the IFC. The group discussed that the IBC 906.4 sends the user to the IFC and keeping the proposed changes to 906.4.1 and 906.4.2 would achieve the same result.

On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave Leblanc, it was voted by the majority to recommend Section 906 as displayed on the working document. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, Michael Roescher, and Jen Hoyt voted in the affirmative., Alexander MacLeod Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

3. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave LeBlanc, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 12:00 pm.

## **EXHIBITS:**

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- A. Meeting Agenda.
- B. February 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes.  
CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 02 16 2022 Working Draft\_Altered  
During the meeting.