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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:

March 2, 2022, beginning about 9:05 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

*Louise Vera left about 11:30 am.

1. Reviewed draft amended meeting minutes from January 19, 2022. Dan Walsh explained that the Committee would need to acknowledge its work during this meeting due to a glitch with the February 2, 2022, meeting posting to allow the public to participate. The work done that had been performed by the Committee on March 2, 2022, was displayed and discussed (**EXHIBIT B**). The work performed included voting to recommend 2021 IBC Chapter 9 Sections: 905,907, 909, 910, 912,913, and 916. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave LeBlanc, it was unanimously voted to approve January 19, 2022, minutes as amended (**EXHIBIT C**). Alexander MacLeod abstained.
2. Review February 16, 2022, draft meeting minutes (**EXHIBIT D**). Louise Vera noted that she was not in attendance. Dave LeBlanc offered that the term "submit" in the last line of the 5th paragraph under agenda item two should change to "review and approve" to be consistent with the discussions on Section 901.2.1. In the last line of the 7th paragraph under agenda item two, change "that reference" to "proposed changes to 906.4.1, and 906.4.2". On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave LeBlanc, it was unanimously voted to approve February 16, 2022, minutes as amended. Louise Vera abstained.
3. Discuss\Vote of 2021 IBC Chapter 9 for the 10th edition of 780 CMR (**EXHIBIT E**). Chairman Roescher spoke about having issues with identifying UL-listed carbon monoxide detector markets at reasonable costs that are listed for occupancies providing medical care. A general discussion ensued about the current code having options that included UL-listed systems are available in the marketplace. The group then discussed Section 915.



On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc, seconded by Jen Hoyt, it was a majority vote to strike “in Group I-1, I-2, I-4, and R occupancies and classrooms in Group E occupancies in the locations specified in Section 915.2” in Section 915.1.1. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Jen Hoyt, and Michael Roescher voted affirmative. Louise Vera, Alexander MacLeod, and Dan Walsh voted in the negative. The group also discussed making changes to several Sections in 915 which included striking “and” between the term furnace and “the” in the last sentence of the exception to Section 915.1.3 and adding to the end of the exception after the term location, “and notification is provided in accordance with 915.6”. Section 915.2 changes included replacing 915.2.3 with “915.2.4, or 915.2”, and striking the proposed amendment “915.2.4 527 CMR Technical Options. Add new Section 915.6 Notification, Carbon Monoxide Alarm notification shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 72”, to align proposed changes to Sections in 915, change the IBC Section 915.6 number to 915.7, and in Section 915.1, change 915.6 to 915.7. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc, seconded by Jen Hoyt, the majority voted to recommend the BBRS adopt Section 915 as amended during the meeting. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, Jen Hoyt, and Michael Roescher voted affirmative. Alexander MacLeod, Louise Vera, and Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

The group then discussed Section 918. Jen Hoyt discussed all the proposed amendments that FFPF has offered in red font with grey highlight are verbatim from the 2021 IFC Chapter 5 and have been proposed to update the 9th edition amendments shown in red font. The group generally reviewed most of the proposed changes shown in Section 918. The group also discussed striking “in all new buildings” in Section 918.1 General and striking “section 24.5 of NFPA 72: Two-way, in-building Emergency Communications Systems” and adding to the end of the section “NFPA 72 and NFPA 1221”. Also offered was striking the exception, “Existing buildings which contain firefighter communication systems.” Changing the reference to section 510.4.2.2 to 918.4.2.2. In Section 918.4.2.3, change Section 1203 to Chapter 27. In Section 918.4.2.4, strike the red font #'s; 3 and 4. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc, seconded by Jen Hoyt, the majority voted to recommend the BBRS adopt Section 918 as amended during the meeting. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, Jen Hoyt, and Michael Roescher voted affirmative. Alexander MacLeod and Dan Walsh voted in the negative.

4. Adjourn. Chairman Roescher recognized Joseph Castronovo, who spoke about his findings after researching the 90-second notification requirement in Section 903.4.4 Transmission of Alarm Signals that the group decided to recommend the BBRS adopt. After a brief discussion, Joseph Castronovo offered a motion to change “90” seconds to “180” seconds in Section 903.4.4, and Dave LeBlanc seconded. Dave LeBlanc, Paul Donga, Joseph Castronovo, Jen Hoyt, Alexander MacLeod, and Michael Roescher voted yes. Dan Walsh abstained. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Dave LeBlanc, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 12:06 pm.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Meeting Agenda.
- B. FFPF 02 02 2022 Meeting Minutes Draft Amended.
- C. January 19, 2022, Amended Meeting Minutes.
- D. February 16, 2022, Amended Meeting Minutes.
- E. CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 02 16 2022 Working Draft_Altered During the meeting.