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**BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

October 6, 2021, beginning about 9:16 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Louise Vera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Paul Maloney	<input type="checkbox"/> present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absent
Fire Marshal designee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Jen Hoyt for the Fire Marshal		
Joseph Castronovo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

1. Review Draft Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2021. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc seconded by Paul Donga it was a unanimous vote to approve, the draft meeting minutes as amended (**EXHIBIT B**). The discussion included changing "521" to "527" in the second to last paragraph. Also a typo in Jacob Nunnemacher. Jen Hoyt, and Louise Vera abstained.

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 C**) is a compilation of the first pass of IBC 2021 Chapter 9 Bob Carasitti provided. The format provided is challenging, so a redraft was created. Table 903.2 had a typo in the S-1 category under the Occupancy locations column, which was updated from the Chapter 9 Working Draft version used during the September 15, 2021 meeting. Jen Hoyt believes the Committee created an updated Table 903.2, and the group generally requested that the Working Draft include that updated Table 903.2.

The group had a general discussion about the proposed amendments to Chapter 9, which sends the code users to 527 CMR. The discussion included proposed Mass Amendments to IBC Section 101.4.5 directing the code users to 527 CMR for fire prevention requirements



and not for building design and construction requirements. The fire chief has fire operation needs and licensing obligations, and these requirements come from 527 CMR. The group looked at the proposed 101.4.5 language DFS is seeking the BBRS to adopt along with the current IBC text with some changes offered by state building inspectors (**EXHIBIT D**). Several in the group expressed not discussing any Chapter 9 section that includes added language that sends the users of the code to 527 CMR until after the BBRS decides which version of 101.4.5 it will adopt.

The group reviewed Section 902 Fire Pump And Riser Room Size. No changes were offered. On a **MOTION** by Dave LeBlanc seconded by Jen Hoyt it was a unanimous vote to recommend the 2021 IBC text.

The group reviewed the existing Mass Amendments in Section 904 Alternative Automatic Fire-Extinguishing System, but did not review or discuss the proposed amendments that send the users of the section to 527 CMR.

The group reviewed the following IBC Chapter 9 Mass Amendments in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition. Sections 904.5.1 Discharge Test, and 904.6.1 Discharge Test, the general consensus is to recommend not carrying forward into the 10<sup>th</sup> edition because these requirements are in NFPA.

904.15 Water Spray Fixed Systems. The consensus is to recommend carrying forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

904.16 Aerosol Systems. The consensus 10 06 2021 recommend not to carry forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition because the IBC 2021 includes requirements that render this section redundant.

905.3.9 High-piled Combustible Storage. The consensus 10 06 2021 recommend carry forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

905.10 During Construction. The consensus 10 06 2021 recommend not to carry forward the Mass Amendment to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition and rely on the 2021 IBC text.

Section 908 Emergency Alarm Systems, Consensus 10 06 2021 to recommend 2021 IBC text.

909.6 Pressurization Method. Consensus 10 06 2021 not to carry forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition. The group reviewed Sections 909.15, 909.16, and 909.22.

909.18.8.3.1 Report Filing. Consensus 10 06 2021 not to carry forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition and rely on the 2021 IBC text.

909.20.6.1.1 Intake Duct Detection. 10 06 2021 consensus to recommend renumber to 909.20.7.1.1 and carry to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

909.20.7.3 Acceptance and Testing. Consensus 10 06 2021 to recommend using the 2021 IBC text.

The group reviewed Section 911 Fire Command Center. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Paul Donga it was a unanimous vote to recommend the 2021 IBC text.

912.7 Connections. Consensus 10 06 2021 to carry forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

913.6 Second Power Source. 10 06 2021 consensus to recommend carrying forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> edition. The group did not discuss the added text to number 3, for nonambulatory patients.

The group reviewed Section 914 Emergency Responder Safety Features. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Paul Donga it was a unanimous vote to recommend the 2021 IBC text.

915.2 Locations. Consensus 10 06 2021 to recommend using the 2021 IBC text.

915.3.1 Interconnection. 10 06 2021 consensus to recommend carrying forward to the 10th edition.

The group reviewed Section 917 Mass Notification Systems. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt seconded by Paul Donga it was a unanimous vote to recommend the 2021 IBC text.

Summary of reduction in the historic Mass Amendments identifies the following Sections: 909.2, 909.6, 909.18.8.3.1, 909.20.6.3. Also, an additional amendment to 909.22.16 has been proposed and thought to be a cost reduction.

2. Adjourn. On a **MOTION** by Jen Hoyt, seconded by Joseph Castronovo it was unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at about 11:57 a.m.

**EXHIBITS:**

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- A. Meeting Agenda October 6, 2021.
- B. September 15, 2021, meeting minutes.
- C. CHAPTER 9 Working Draft 2015, 2018 2021 & Mass Amendments 10 06 2021 WORKING DRAFT.
- D. 101.4.5 Fire Prevention Proposals For 10th Edition.