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Inspector Continuing Education Subcommittee

Public Minutes

July 20, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Role Call:

John Couture

Sy Nguyen

Richard Baldacci

Tarica Leskiw

Ian Finlayson

Greer Spatz Croxford – General Counsel

Shaynah Munro – Executive Director

Charles Kilb – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

1. **Discuss** State Budget Allocations Related to Building Code Training and Course Instruction
The Subcommittee reviewed various documents related to state budgets from previous years. The matter of allocating funds to the possibility of hiring code coordinators was discussed, and while in the past there had been dedicated staff persons to various programs, in restructuring the Division of Occupational Licensure in previous years staff has migrated to a shared service style. Staff works with different programs to help them function but are not dedicated to one program.
2. **Discuss** Funding from BBRS for training.
The concept of a revolving balance being contributed as a fund for trainings to be paid for by attendees of the training was entertained along with putting to bid to various vendors to take over the training of building inspectors. Board Counsel Charles Kilb also expressed that if either of these avenues were to be explored, the qualifications of the trainer should be made clear by the subcommittee.
3. **Discuss** State property to house trainings
It was determined that locations of trainings would be determined after the content and the teachers were decided upon.



4. **Discuss** Course content and potential training sources.

Board Counsel Charles Kilb and Subcommittee member Ian Finlayson advised that the topics of training and the amount of credit hours, as well as the content of the course be determined to ensure next steps in obtaining funding. John Couture shared the concern that there should be consistent training on the Building Code as a whole, and in a manner that ensures enforcement continuity related to the Massachusetts specific code changes. Tarica Leskiw weighed in that both matters are important but that the content of a training may need to be decided prior to implementing a program of trainings. Subcommittee members were encouraged to reach out to constituents of what matters they would like to see in a training.

5. **Discuss** other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

No matters were brought before the board that were not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.