

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/j/1613509441>

Meeting ID: 161 350 9441

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman D'Attile called a published virtual meeting of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Gregg D'Attile, Chairman
Ron Burr, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey Falkanger
John Famularo
Shalanda Giles-Nelson
R. Art Kamm
Daniel Lavrich
Sergio Pellecer
Daniel Rourke
James Terry
David Tringo
Dennis Ulmer
Lynn Wolfson

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Jonda Joseph, Board Clerk, requested a correction to the Certifications item. Mr. Chase Hournbuckle should be reflected as Provisional Electrical Inspector. Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Falkanger seconded the motion to approve the agenda as corrected. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 13, 2024, Board Meeting

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Famularo seconded the motion to approve the June 13, 2024, minutes as submitted. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Except public hearing items on this agenda) - none

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Certifications – Staff Recommended

BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIRE RESCUE

Barbosa, Moses, Fire Plans Examiner

CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS/PARKLAND

Schermerhorn, William, Fire Inspector

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Casey, Tyron, Fire Plans Examiner

Delano, David S., Plumbing Plans Examiner

Nesmith, Stephen L., Structural Inspector (Limited) (120-Day Temporary)

Perusi, Tracy, Fire Plans Examiner

CITY OF MARGATE

Schepers, Todd, Assistant Building Official

CITY OF MIRAMAR

Robinson, Miles, Fire Inspector

CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE

Hournbuckle, Chase, Electrical Inspector (Provisional)

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

Fernandez, Patricia D., Chief Structural Inspector

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Diaz, Gregorio, Assistant Building Official

CITY OF TAMARAC

Joseph, Rolle, Assistant Building Official

Palacios, Otoniel, Building Official

COUNTYWIDE

De La Fe, Gustavo, Structural Inspector

McGinness, James P., Structural Inspector

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Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Rourke seconded the motion to approve the certifications as recommended. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Update to Board Policy #05-05, Building Safety Inspection Program

a. Staff Report

Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, advised that this amendment is to correlate with the State of Florida Law changes and Chapter 18 of the Florida Building Code. Some information relevant to condominiums and co-ops updated by the State has been included in this policy update including what would be applicable to structures 3,500 square feet and above. The State updated from one-family and two-family to now include three-family and four-family with three or fewer habitable stories above ground. The Board of Rules and Appeals Building Safety Inspection Program includes the State's Milestones 1 and 2. In other words, the BORA policy is above the State's requirements. Under the heading *Reporting Procedures*, we changed the requirement from 90 to 180 days for the owner or association to complete the Building Safety Inspection. The 180-day timeline is consistent with the State's program.

b. Board Questions

Mr. Lavrich pointed out that the State requires milestone inspections for only condominiums and co-ops, whereas BORA's policy requires inspections for all buildings that meet the criteria.

c. Board Action

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Ms. Giles-Nelson seconded the motion to approve the proposed update to Board Policy #05-05. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

2. First Reading of Amendments to Chapter 1, Section 110.15, Building Safety Inspection Program, Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023)

a. Staff Report

Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, advised that this is to update Chapter 1 to be consistent with Chapter 18 of the Florida Building Code. Specifically, the amendments add three-family and four-family dwellings and change gross floor area to building area with respect to the 3,500 square feet provision. If approved on the first reading, a public hearing for the second reading would be scheduled.

b. Board Questions

In response to Mr. Lavrich, Dr. Barbosa clarified that Chapter 18 of the Florida Building Code in the backup materials is background information only to show why the amendment to Chapter 1 is being requested.

c. Board Action

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Ms. Giles-Nelson seconded the motion to approve the amendments to Sections 110.15.4 and 110.15.5 only (shown on page 2 of the agenda memorandum, dated August 8, 2024, and not include pages 3-8). The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

3. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025)

a. Staff Report

Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, reviewed the agenda memorandum of August 8, 2024. She indicated the recommended budget includes funding for personnel, operational expenses, and capital outlay. It reflects an increase of 6.65% largely for regular salary increases, and fringe benefits. A cost-of-living increase has been included separately from merit increases.

b. Board Questions

c. Board Action

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Falkanger seconded the motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

4. Director's Report

Dr. Barbosa noted that she has recently been attending town hall meetings at the cities of Lauderhill and Sunrise to discuss the Building Safety Inspection Program. She went on to elaborate on the training put on by the Code Compliance Officers. Next Wednesday, staff will meet with all building officials and any of their representatives on the Building Safety Inspection Program in lieu of the Open Discussion session.

5. Attorney's Report

6. Committee Reports

Mr. Lavrich advised that the Ad Hoc Committee (Policy 05-01) is meeting via Zoom tomorrow afternoon.

7. General Board Member Discussion

Mr. Michael Guerasio, Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer, commented on the phenomenal work of Dr. Barbosa as the Board's spokesperson with the municipalities and her support with staff's continuing education program.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg D'Attile". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gregg D'Attile, Chairman