

# Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2026

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/j/1615556306>

Meeting ID: 161 555 6306

## I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Deveaugh called to order a published virtual meeting of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals at 7:01 PM.

## II. ROLL CALL

Peter Deveaugh, Chairman	Anthony Salgado
Edward Badiu	Scott Taggart
Gregg D'Attile	David Tringo
Steven M. Feller	Dennis Ulmer
Michael Rada	Derek Wassink

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. D'Attile made a motion to approve the agenda, and Mr. Feller seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 12, 2026, Board Meeting

Mr. Feller made a motion, and Dr. Badiu seconded the motion, to approve the February 12, 2026, minutes as submitted. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Except public hearing items on this agenda)

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Mr. Tony Palacios, Building Official, City of Tamarac, requested clarification on House Bill 803, specifically regarding contradictory language addressing building permits valued at less than \$7,500 and other language indicating that a local government may require a building permit. He asked if a permit is required. Also, he referred to language for commercial project discounting and questioned if residential projects could also be discounted.

Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, advised that a Zoom meeting for building officials is scheduled for next Tuesday, during which House Bill 803, among other topics, will be discussed.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. Certifications – Staff Recommended

#### **BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIRE RESCUE**

Gutman, Nicolas, Fire Inspector

#### **TOWN OF DEERFIELD BEACH**

Szabo, Marius, Chief Mechanical Inspector

#### **CITY OF HOLLYWOOD**

Camera, Michael, Fire Plans Examiner

## **CITY OF LIGHTHOUSE POINT**

Garito, Nicholas, Fire Inspector

## **CITY OF MIRAMAR**

Agostinone, Valentia, Fire Inspector

Gonzalez, Lucas, Fire Inspector

Nataine, Cindy, Assistant Fire Marshall

Rivera, Ricky, Fire Inspector

Gunn, Thomas, Electrical Inspector (120-Day Temporary)

## **COUNTYWIDE**

De Los Santos, Jose, Electrical Plans Examiner

Lozano, Frank, Plumbing Plans Examiner

Oms, Jr., Chester, Structural Inspector

Oms, Jr., Chester, Structural Plans Examiner

Paz, Jose, Structural Inspector

Nathan, Stanley, Michael, Structural Inspector

Mr. Feller made a motion, and Mr. Wassink seconded the motion to approve the certifications as recommended by staff. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Second Reading of the Proposed Revision to the Broward County Amendments to the FBC, Chapter 1, Section 104.3.1 Interim Chief Inspector to Allow the BORA Administrative Director to Grant a One-Time 90-Day Extension to the Interim Chief Inspector Appointment**

a. Staff Report

Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, introduced the item and noted the first reading took place on February 12.

b. Board Questions - None

c. Public Hearing

The floor was opened for a public hearing, but there was no one wishing to speak.

d. Board Action

Mr. D'Attile made a motion, and Mr. Feller seconded the motion to approve the item on second reading as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. **Proposed Revision to Administrative Policy #09-01, Voluntary Guidelines for Fee Calculations Related to Building Permits**

a. Staff Report – Jack Morell, Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

Mr. Jack Morell, Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer, advised that this is a housekeeping item. The administrative code requires the evaluation of permit fees using R.S. Means. It gives building officials a tool, using R.S. Means, to arrive at a proper permit fee. The Board of Rules and Appeals' fees are based on permit fees.

b. Board Questions

In response to questions, Mr. Morell advised that R.S. Means, which is contained in Chapter 1 of the Florida Building Code, has always been available to building officials. The building official has the discretion to go above the listed amounts.

c. **Board Action**

Mr. Feller made a motion to approve the proposed revision to Administrative Policy #09-01, and Mr. Wassink seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Director's Report** – none

4. **Attorney's Report**

Mr. Charles Kramer noted an upcoming case in the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit on March 16, where the Board of Rules and Appeals will request dismissal with prejudice. If not successful, he believed there is a good chance of prevailing.

5. **Committee Reports** - none

6. **General Board Member Discussion**

In response to Chairman Deveaugh, Dr. Barbosa advised that the staff is waiting for an approved rendering of the Board's new office space.

Concerning Agenda Item 2, Mr. Feller questioned whether there is any upper limit above R.S. Means. Mr. Morell advised that there is no upper limit because the averages provided are well-studied.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the word "Chairman".

Chairman