

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Ron Burr, Vice Chairman
Stephen Bailey
John Famularo
Shalanda Giles-Nelson
R. Art Kamm
Daniel Lavrich
David Rice
Robert Taylor
Dennis Ulmer
Derek Wassink
Lynn Wolfson
Abbas Zackria

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Famularo seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 12-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 8, 2024, Board Meeting

Mr. Kamm made a motion, and Mr. Bailey seconded the motion to approve the August 8, 2024, minutes as submitted. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 12-0.

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

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Mr. William Tracy, Building Official, City of Parkland, indicated that he hired an inspector who obtained a State Provisional License and needed to change it to a General Contractor. Due to a portion of this process being privatized, it took a long time to secure test dates, which resulted in his provisional license expiring. He asked if the Board would consider having staff investigate making the County trade requirements match the State's Provisional requirements of two years.

In response to Vice Chairman Burr, Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, agreed to place this matter on next month's agenda for a vote.

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
McGinness, James P., Structural Plans Examiner

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Wassink seconded it, to approve the certifications as recommended. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 12-0.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Second 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 the Board voted to approve this amendment at last month's meeting when the associated policy was adopted. This amendment will be added to Chapter 1 after a public hearing.

b. Public Hearing

Vice Chairman Burr opened the public hearing, but there was no one wishing to speak.

c. Board Questions - none

d. Board Action

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Ulmer seconded the motion to approve the item on the second reading as presented. The motion was carried out through a unanimous vote of 13-0.

2. Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendation for Board Policy 05-01, Representation on the Board of Rules and Appeals Standing Committees and Appointment Guidelines

Vice Chairman Burr asked Mr. Lavrich, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, to comment. Mr. Lavrich noted the Committee membership. He noted the following Committees that were proposed to be deleted: Certification Standards, BDA (Bi-Directional Amplifiers), General Contractors/Architects, and Protocol for Resolution of Structural Design Issues. The Ad Hoc Committee decided those committees could be deleted and reconvened at any time. The Committee disagreed with the recommendation to combine the Structural and Roofing Committees and voted to keep the two committees separate. With respect to the recommendation to assign Board members to discipline-specific positions on committees and in the committee guidelines, the Committee voted to maintain the committee makeup as it is and to eliminate the requirement to meet a minimum of once a year.

Mr. Lavrich indicated that Mr. Bryan Parks, Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer, brought to the Committee's attention that staff had received objections to the Fire Code Committee's makeup. He proposed changing the requirement of Florida-Certified Fire Inspectors to Broward County-Certified Fire Inspectors. There was a unanimous consensus that this change should be made to the membership requirements.

Mr. Lavrich indicated that the final item involved renaming Policy 05-01, and the Committee voted to maintain the title of Representation on the Board of Rules and Appeals Standing Committees and Appointment Guidelines.

- a. Staff Report
- b. Board Questions

In response to Mr. Rice, Dr. Barbosa acknowledged the typographical error in the Energy Conservation Committee. The membership should specify four Board Members or Alternates.

- c. Board Action

Mr. Rice made a motion, and Ms. Giles-Nelson seconded the motion, to approve Policy 05-01 amendments as recommended, including the correction to the Energy Conservation Committee. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 13-0.

3. Director's Report

Dr. Barbosa advised that at the beginning of next week, she will provide the Board with more information on the October 4th hold date. She urged those who have not responded to please do so. In response to Vice Chairman Burr, Dr. Barbosa offered to investigate whether a Zoom link could be provided.

4. Attorney's Report

Mr. Charles Kramer, Board Attorney, advised that there is a lawsuit regarding the constitutional authority of the Board of Rules and Appeals in multiple areas. He has filed a motion to dismiss.

5. Committee Reports - none

6. General Board Member Discussion

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Gregg D'Attile, Chairman