

THE BORA QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

WELCOME BACK!

It's great to have you here again! We hope that your 2025 has gotten off to a wonderful and productive start. Don't miss out on our upcoming events. We have a fantastic lineup of continuing education opportunities.

Stay tuned for more details and mark your calendars!

Make sure that you stay connected with us to stay informed.



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STAY INFORMED

The BORA Quarterly was introduced in June 2018 as a way for our agency to inform members of the public about our efforts to contribute to positive and effective change throughout Broward County.

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BORA AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

Board Meeting Agendas and **Committee Meeting Agendas** are available on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals website.

BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

Amendments to the **Florida Building Code** and the **Florida Fire Prevention Code** are available on MuniCode.

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Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

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Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

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INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?

- 28 hours of training are required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
- 60 hours of training are required during the 4-year fire certification cycle.
- By attending Broward BORA's Board and Committee meetings, 1 hour of the required credit will be earned.
- By attending professional association meetings approved by the BORA Staff (i.e. FAPGMI, IAEL, COEA), ½ hour of the required credit will be earned for each meeting attended.

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through **Board** and **Committee meetings** can be earned per certification cycle.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH – JUNE 2025

2025 Code Officials Educational Association Virtual Conference Begins
Additional Information → [2025 Course Schedule](#)

MAY 9, 2025

Broward County Fire Inspector Exam
9:00 AM
Registration → [Application](#)
Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

APRIL 16, 2025

IAEI: 2023 and 2026 NEC Changes & Review of 2029 NEC Restructure
1:00 PM
Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

MAY 14, 2025

Broward BORA Open Discussion Meeting
9:00 AM
Additional Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

MAY 8, 2025

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting
7:00 PM
Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

JUNE 7, 2025

2025 IAEI Maynard Hamilton Fort Lauderdale Division Annual Electrical Seminar
1:00 PM
Registration → [Application](#)
Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit the [Broward BORA website](#) for a complete list of building code job announcements. If your municipality would like to have a job announcement posted on our website, please email rulesboard@broward.org.

MIRAMAR

- Electrician II
- Electrician III

OAKLAND PARK

- Plans Examiner/ Inspector II

POMPANO BEACH

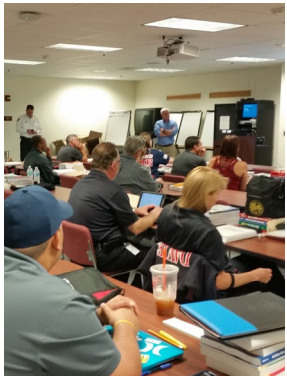
- Fire Inspector

TAMARAC

- Structural Inspector/Plans Examiner

AMENDMENTS TO FBC CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 104.16.3 AND 104.15.3

The Board **approved** revisions to Chapter 1, Sections 104.16.3 and 104.15.3, Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023). At a previous meeting, the Board was requested to consider extending the time frame for applicants to obtain a contractor's license from one year to two years. The Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) has changed its process for scheduling testing to obtain a license. The recommendation is to allow a roofing and structural inspector up to two years, from one year, to obtain their contractor license, mirroring the time frame that the DBPR allows an applicant to obtain their standard inspector license.



UPCOMING CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Twenty-eight educational hours must be completed by the end of the 2024-2025 cycle, and at least half of the requirement must be discipline-specific courses. Visit the [Broward BORA website](#) or contact a [BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#) to keep up with the upcoming courses being offered.

The [2025 Code Officials Educational Association \(COEA\) Conference](#) began in March. It offers discipline-specific seminars held virtually from March to June. Registration information can be found on the COEA [website](#).

BORA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: LYNN WOLFSON

Broward BORA Board Member, Lynn Wolfson is promoting [Lynn's Law](#). Under Lynn's Law, public restrooms will be equipped with a hook near the toilet, a sink, a medical waste disposal box for used syringes, and a shelf. This allows public restrooms to be more accessible to individuals with digestive disorders, creating a more private, dignified, and independent bathroom experience for everyone.

Lynn Wolfson also serves as the founder and president of the [Ostomy and Feeding Supply Bank](#).



BROWARD BORA'S DONATION TO LOCAL UNION 719/FAPGMI

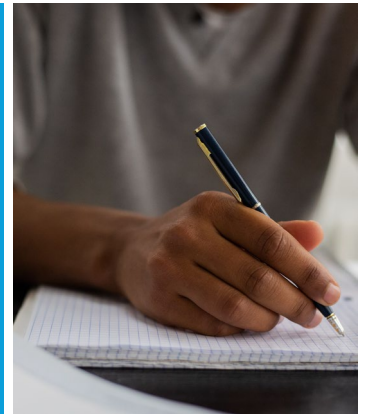
We are happy to share that Broward BORA took the opportunity to thank the Local Union 719/Florida Association of Plumbing, Gas & Mechanical Inspectors (FAPGMI) with a donation. The association is always so welcoming and inviting in its facilities, and Broward BORA is extremely grateful for the warmth that is always extended to us.

BROWARD BORA ASHRAE CODE BOOK DISTRIBUTION

Broward BORA donated sets of codebooks to the municipal building departments throughout Broward County. The following codebooks were provided:

- ASHRAE 15-2022: Safety Standard for Refrigeration Systems
- ASHRAE 43-2022: Designation and Safety Classification of Refrigerants

For more questions about the codes, please contact [Rolando Soto](#).



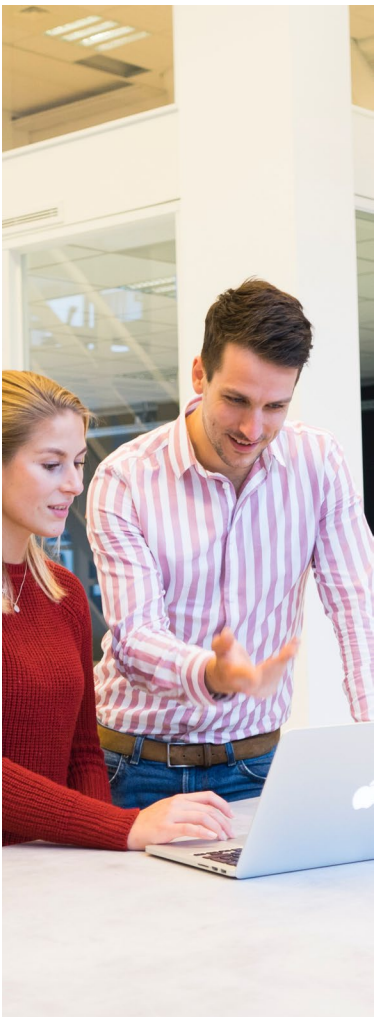
FORMAL INTERPRETATIONS UPDATE

The following formal interpretations were approved at the [January 9, 2025, Board Meeting](#):

[Formal Interpretation #24](#) Update Retrofit of Windows, Doors, Garage Doors, and Shutters FBC Existing Building, Alteration Level. The revisions were proposed because overhead doors are generally in wind zones 4 and 5, and the pressures are calculated differently. The 3' x 7' and 6' x 7' doors are in either wind zone 4 or 5, respectively, and are calculated based on the worst-case scenario in the Wall Pressures for All Roof Types Chart. The Garage Door Pressures Chart will be used only for overhead doors under 30' mean roof height.

Since this document's introduction in 2012, we've received numerous inquiries from jurisdictions and contractors regarding the appropriate chart for these door sizes. This revision will eliminate confusion by clearly specifying which chart to use based on the tributary area and mean roof height.

[Formal Interpretation #35](#) Update to 2020 National Electrical Code, Article 555.5 and 555.9. The revisions were proposed because the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC) permitted pier (dock) power voltages up to 1000. This section was changed and became unintendedly more restrictive in the 2020 edition of the NEC. The 2020 NEC specifies that the voltage for dock power is up to 250 volts with no restrictions and that the voltage provided for dock power from 250 to 600 be installed under the supervision of an engineer. This language is unnecessary because all plans must be designed under the Florida Engineering Statute 471, and supervision is superfluous. The 2023 NEC contains the same language as the 2020 NEC. The 2020 NEC affected Florida in the 8th edition of the Florida Building Code, adopted on December 31, 2023. The 2026 NEC proposes to update this section, changing the 250-volt limit to 600 volts and allowing an AHJ to request documentation from an engineer if desired. This code change was an effort by the NEC to limit the voltage at a dock for safety purposes.



VOTING MEMBERS

Robert A. Kamm, P.E. – Chair
Mechanical Engineer

Stephen E. Bailey, P.E. – Vice Chair
Electrical Engineer

Ron Burr
Swimming Pool Contractor

Gregg D’Attile
Air Conditioning Contractor

Pete Deveaugh
Master Electrician

John Famularo
Roofing Contractor

Shalanda Giles Nelson
General Contractor

**Daniel Lavrich, P.E., S.I.,
F.ASCE, F.SEI**
Structural Engineer

Sergio Pellecer
Fire Service Professional

Daniel Rourke
Master Plumber

Dennis A. Ulmer
Consumer Advocate

Lynn Wolfson
Representative of Disabled
Community

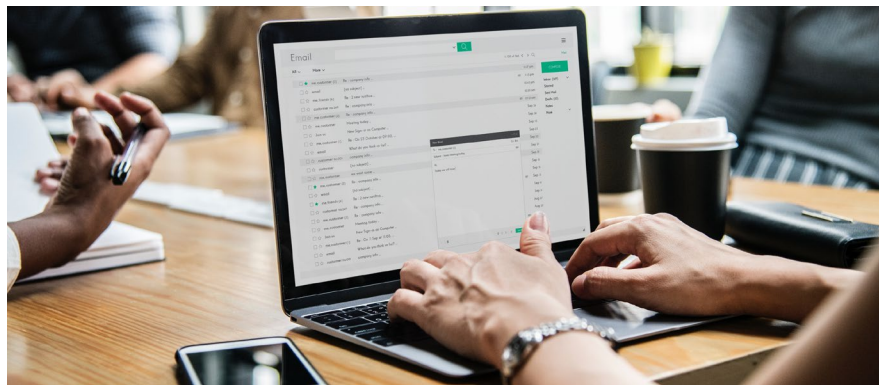
Abbas H. Zackria, CSI
Architect

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people who volunteer their valuable time and service without compensation. Our Board members are appointed by the Broward County League of Cities and the Broward County Commission.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

If you would like to contact a Board member, send an email to rulesboard@broward.org and leave your questions and/or comments. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member.



Broward County Code of Ordinances, ARTICLE IX. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, Section 9.02

“Building Code and the Board of Rules and Appeals” mandates that BORA members shall be appointed as follows:

- Seven (7) members and six (6) alternates shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities.
- Six (6) members and three (3) alternates shall be appointed by the County Commission.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Eduard C. Badiu, PhD, P.E.
Roofing Contractor

Jeff Falkanger
Architect

Steven Feller, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

Alberto Fernandez
General Contractor

David Rice, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Robert Taylor
Fire Service Professional

James Terry
Master Plumber

David Tringo
Master Electrician

Derek A. Wassink, P.E.
Structural Engineer