



THE BORA QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

Thanks for being part of our community. There’s plenty to explore, and we’re looking forward to sharing updates with you. Mark your calendars for the continuing education opportunities that Broward BORA will offer during the upcoming quarter.

We’re excited about what’s ahead and will keep sharing updates as things progress. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

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 to inform the public about our efforts to drive positive, effective change throughout Broward County. [Subscribe](#) to the newsletter and stay informed!

The Board of Rules and Appeals is committed to offering educational programs for inspectors, contractors, and design professionals, helping strengthen their knowledge and performance in accordance with the Building Code. The Board meets to review proposed amendments to the Florida Building and Fire Prevention Codes, hear appeals of decisions made by Building and Fire Code Officials, and provide formal interpretations of code sections when their meaning is in question. Board members and staff consistently strive to enhance code quality and promote greater safety for everyone who lives and works in Broward County, while also maintaining strong representation in state, national, and international organizations that develop codes and standards.

INTERESTED IN EARNING CEUs?

- 28 CEUs are required for the 2-year building certification cycle.
- 60 CEUs are required for the 4-year fire certification cycle.
- 1 CEU can be earned by attending a Broward BORA Board or committee meeting.
- ½ hour CEU can be earned by attending a professional association meeting approved by the BORA Staff (i.e., FAPGMI, IAEE, COEA).

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through [Board](#) and Committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- [Board Meeting Agendas](#)
- [Committee Meeting Agendas](#)
- [Florida Building Code](#)
- [Florida Fire Prevention Code](#)

Administrative Director

Dr. Ana C. Barbosa x9692

Executive Assistant to Administrative Director

Shauna Doan x9689

Operations Manager

Natasha Strong x9681

CHIEF CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

Chief Electrical Code Compliance Officer

Kenneth Castronovo x9688

Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer

Bryan Parks x9684

Chief Mechanical Code Compliance Officer

Rolando Soto, P.E. x9693

Chief Plumbing Code Compliance Officer

Jose Cruz-Vellon x9694

Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

Michael Guerasio x9686

Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

John “Jack” Morell x9687

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Board Clerk

Jonda Joseph x9691

Communications and Marketing Specialist

Brianna Curry x9685

Payroll and Accounting Specialist

Maria “Pat” Kong x9687

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 25, 2026

Daniel Lavrich Memorial Service

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[Anne Kolb Nature Center](#),
Mangrove Hall

JULY 14, 2026

FAPGMI Monthly Association Meeting

9:00 AM

Plumbers & Pipefitters Union
Local 719 Hall

AUGUST 13, 2026

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals – Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

AUGUST 19, 2026

BORA-IEAI: NEC 90-210

1:00 PM

Government Center West

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

JULY 7, 2026

BORA-IEAI: Fire-Rated Cables Lunch and Learn

1:00 PM

Broward Government Center West

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

JULY 15, 2026

BORA-IEAI: Solar Power and the Latest Technologies and Codes

1:00 PM

Rowe Activity Center

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

JULY 29, 2026

BORA-IEAI: NFPA 70E Jobsite Safety Training

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tree Tops Park

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

AUGUST 26, 2026

BORA-IEAI: Copperweld Wire Company Lunch & Learn

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Coconut Creek Community Center

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

JULY 9, 2026

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

JULY 28, 2026

Broward BORA 2026 Accessibility Training – Session #1

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tree Tops Park

Registration Link → [2026 Accessibility](#)

AUGUST 19, 2026

Broward BORA 2026 Accessibility Training – Session #2

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tree Tops Park

Registration Link → [2026 Accessibility](#)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

Broward BORA Fire Inspector Exam

9:00 AM

Fire Station #56

Registration Link → [Fire Inspectors Exam Application](#)

BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CORAL SPRINGS

- Structural Inspector I
- Structural Inspector II Plans Review

DAVIE

- Structural Inspector

HOLLYWOOD

- Building Compliance Officer
- Structural Inspector
- Structural Plans Examiner (Full-Time)

OAKLAND PARK

- Electrical Plans Examiner/Inspector
- Structural Inspector

PLANTATION

- Inspector I – Structural
- Inspector II – Structural

POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector I
- Building Field Inspector II

2026 BROWARD BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

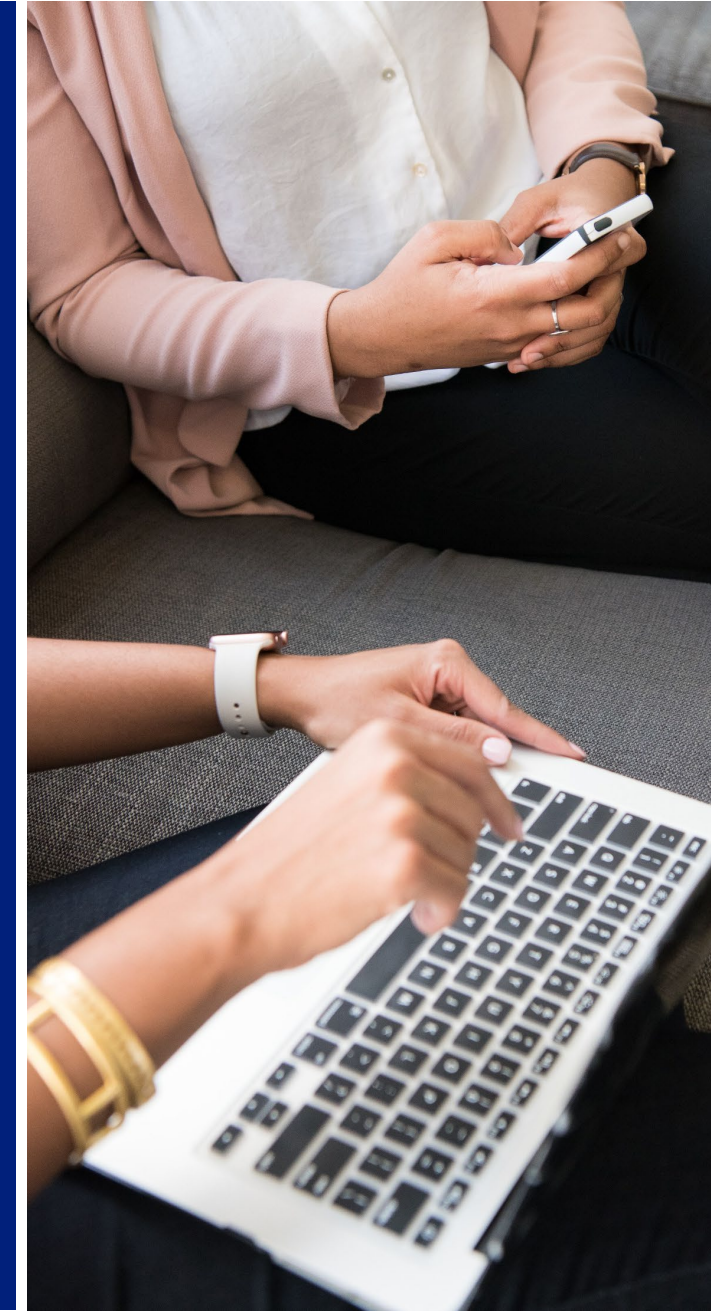
The Board of Rules and Appeals provided property lists for the [Building Safety Inspection Program](#) (BSIP) to building departments throughout Broward County. Pertinent information regarding the BSIP Program is listed below:

- 8th Edition Florida Building Code (2023), Chapter 1 – [Section 110.15](#)
- Broward BORA [Policy 05-05](#)
 - Policy #05-05 – [Electrical](#)
 - Policy #05-05 – [Structural](#)

The following are exempt from this program:

1. US Government Buildings
2. State of Florida Buildings
3. Buildings built on sovereign tribal lands.
4. School buildings under the jurisdiction of the Broward County School Board.
5. Single-family, two-family, three-family, and four-family dwellings with three or fewer habitable stories above ground.
6. Fee simple Townhouses as defined in the Florida Building Code.
7. Minor structures, defined as buildings or structures in any occupancy group having a building area of less than 3,500 square feet.
8. Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the railroad.

If you have not received a notification yet and your property is 25 years or older, contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located. Whether the municipality contacts you or not, you will still be held accountable for completing the inspection. For previous inspection records, please contact the [municipality](#) where your property is located. For structural questions, contact [Jack Morell](#) or [Michael Guerasio](#). For electrical questions, contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#).



2026 BROWARD BORA – BSIP INFORMATION MEETING

Broward BORA hosted a **2026 BSIP Information Meeting** for Building Officials, Assistant Building Officials, and Chiefs. The meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM. The BORA staff discussed the Building Safety Inspection Program and the changes that will take effect this year.

- Broward BORA Building Safety Inspection Program – [Brochure](#)

If your municipality is interested in receiving additional hard copies of the BSIP brochure, send your request to [Brianna Curry](#). For additional questions or comments about the Building Safety Inspection Program, submit them to RULESBOARD@broward.org.



REVISION TO BORA POLICY #09-01

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals **approved** revisions to **BORA Policy #09-01**.

Policy #09-01, Voluntary Guidelines for Fee Calculations Related to Building Permits, was revised to reflect 2026 costs. The policy's voluntary guidelines are meant to give Building Officials a tool they can choose to use as a quick reference to ensure that the permit fees for construction costs are reasonable and fair.

2026 FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals **approved**, by vote, revisions to the Broward County Amendments to the FBC, Chapter 1, Section 104.3.1 Interim Chief Inspector.

- **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**

The revision provides consistency between the code language for the Interim Chief and the Interim Building Official. Also, the additional language allows BORA's Administrative Director, upon the written request of the Building Official and for demonstrated cause, to grant a one-time ninety (90) calendar-day extension of the Interim Chief appointment period.



2026 MASONRY CONSTRUCTION & INSPECTION CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals provides a **Masonry Construction & Inspector Certification Workshop** to assist new code officials in obtaining their unit masonry certification at no cost to you per BCAP Section 104.16.3.5 and to be able to inspect unit masonry on group R3 occupancy. New building code officials must complete this certification within two years of being BORA-Certified. The workshop will be held in four half-day sessions. on the following dates:

BCAP 104.16.3.5. Building Inspectors (Structural) certified by BORA on or after July 1, 2020, shall be required to obtain a Reinforced Unit Masonry certification within two years from their initial BORA certification date.

- **BCAP 110.10.5.** Special Building Inspector shall be an Architect or Engineer or their duly authorized representative.
- **Exception 1:** Building Inspectors (structural) certified by BORA who have satisfactorily completed an approved masonry course may perform inspections of Reinforced Unit Masonry and any precast lintels incorporated into such masonry for Group R-3 Occupancy.

The course dates will be announced this summer. For more information, contact **Michael Guerasio** or **Brianna Curry**.

BROWARD BORA – HOUSE BILL 803 INFORMATION MEETING

House Bill 803: Building Permits and Inspections passed on May 7, 2026. The bill amends provisions of the Florida Building Code (FBC), building permit requirements, and inspection and private provider requirements.

Broward BORA provided opportunities for Building Officials, Assistant Building Officials, and Chiefs to learn information about HB 803 before it becomes effective on July 1, 2026. Exemptions, restrictions, timelines, and private providers were discussed.

To confirm your attendance for the House Bill 803 meeting you prefer to attend, please contact **Brianna Curry**. For questions related to the bill, submit them to **RULESBOARD@broward.org**, and our staff will address them at the meeting.



SHAUNA DOAN JOINS BROWARD BORA

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals has a new addition to our team! Our staff welcomed Shauna Doan as the new Executive Assistant to the Administrative Director. She joined the staff in April 2026 after working for the City of Tamarac.

Shauna can be reached by email at **SDOAN@broward.org** or by phone at 954-765-4500 (x9689).

JONDA JOSEPH RETIRES

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Clerk, Jonda Joseph, is retiring after 10 years of service with us. Ms. Joseph joined Broward BORA in May 2016 after serving in municipalities throughout Broward County for decades. She has been an integral part of the Board of Rules and Appeals certification and recertification processes for code officials countywide.

The Broward BORA staff wishes her a wonderful retirement! **Send** your well wishes to Jonda before she retires on Friday, June 26, 2026.



REMEMBERING DANIEL LAVRICH, P.E.

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals would like to remember our long-time Board member, Daniel Lavrich, P.E., who passed away in April.

We invite all who knew Dan to attend and share in remembering his life and legacy on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. His memorial service will be held at the **[Anne Kolb Nature Center](#)**, Mangrove Hall.

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is comprised of dedicated volunteers who serve without compensation. Our [Board Members](#) are appointed by the Broward County League of Cities and the Broward County Commission. If you would like to contact a Board member, email rulesboard@broward.org, and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member.

VOTING MEMBERS

Master Electrician, Chair Pete Deveaugh	Roofing Contractor, Vice Chair Eduard C. Badiu, PhD, P.E.	Electrical Engineer Stephen E. Bailey, P.E.	Mechanical Contractor Gregg D’Attile	Architect Jeff Falkanger, AIA
Mechanical Engineer Robert A. Kamm, P.E.	Fire Service Professional Sergio Pellecer	General Contractor Mike Rada	Master Plumber Anthony Salgado	Swimming Pool Contractor Scott Taggart
Consumer Advocate Dennis A. Ulmer	Structural Engineer Derek A. Wassink, P.E.	Disability Advocate Lynn Wolfson		

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Mechanical Engineer Steven Feller, P.E.	General Contractor Alberto Fernandez	Roofing Contractor Constantin Huzdup	Fire Service Professional Robert Taylor, FM	Master Plumber James Terry
Master Electrician David Tringo	Architect VACANT	Electrical Engineer VACANT	Structural Engineer VACANT	

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.