

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/j/1600127393>

Meeting ID: 160 012 7393

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Daniel Lavrich called a published virtual meeting of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals to order at 7 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Danial Lavrich, Chairman
Stephen Bailey
Ron Burr
Gregg D'Attile
Jeff Falkanger
R. Art Kamm
David Rice
Daniel Rourke
Robert Taylor
David Tringo
Dennis Ulmer
Lynn E. Wolfson

III. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ulmer made a motion and Ms. Wolfson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 12-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2022, Regular Meeting

Mr. Tringo made a motion, and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve the November 17, 2022, minutes as submitted. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 12-0.

V. Public Comment (Except public hearing items on this agenda) Public Hearing limited to 3-minutes each - none

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Certifications – Staff Recommended

BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF FIRE RESCUE

Cavallari, Mindy, Fire Plans Examiner

CITIES OF CORAL SPRINGS & PARKLAND

Alcalde, Harold, Fire Code Official

CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES

Wansor, Douglas, Chief Electrical Inspector

CITY OF PARKLAND

Krasniqi, Rinor, Electrical Inspector – Temporary 120-day

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES

Martinez, Giordano Nestor, Structural Inspector - Temporary 120-day

CITY OF PLANTATION

Alarcon-Maclain, Edward A., Chief Electrical Inspector

Mr. Rice made a motion, and Mr. Rourke seconded the motion approving the certifications as recommended. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 12-0.

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Second Reading of proposed amendments to Section F-121, Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Bleeding Control Kit (BCK) of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, 7th Edition (2020), recommendation of the Fire Code Committee

a. Staff Report

Mr. Bryan Parks, Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer, advised that there is nothing to add from the first reading presentation. The effective date would be December 19, 2022.

b. Board Questions - none

Public Hearing

Mr. William Swartz advised that he is a resident of the Point of Americas Condominium and will be responsible for implementing these code changes. He was concerned about the equipment not being available on every floor. Because there is no personnel that could respond to such an emergency. He felt they would be better served with an emergency call system directly to the first responders. He hoped that the Board could assist with other ideas for larger buildings such as the Point of Americas.

Mr. Parks indicated that there is nothing to prevent a building from installing the equipment on every floor.

Chief Lori Hastings, representing the Broward Fire Chiefs Fire Prevention Sub-committee, advised that the code was liberalized to not require the equipment on every floor to reduce the financial impact. Dispatchers at the 911 emergency call center are fully capable of walking someone through operating a defibrillator, CPR, and the bleeding control. Additionally, dispatchers will be able to identify the AED locations. Buildings are not required to have trained personnel on-site because of the ease of using the equipment. The training was not built into the code amendment.

Chairman Lavrich noted that this proposal is a minimum requirement.

Chairman Lavrich noted on December 5, 2022, he received an email from Fred Nesbitt, President of Galt Mile Community Association, expressing support for this amendment, which he proceeded to read into the record. A copy of the email is attached to these minutes.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

c. Board Action

Mr. Ulmer made a motion, and Mr. Falkanger seconded the motion to approve the amendment on the final reading as recommended. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 12-0.

2. 2023 Board Nominations and Election of Officers

a. Staff Report

Dr. Ana Barbosa, Administrative Director, indicated that a review of the attendance record shows that everyone is eligible. She mentioned that Chairman Lavrich would be on a cruise for about four months but still available. Chairman Lavrich indicated he will be out of the country from January 5th to April 26th but will have internet access and is willing to serve

another term. Mr. Bailey explained that he is stepping down as a voting member because he is working more in Orlando now but would be willing to assume an alternate position.

- b. Board Questions - none
- c. Board Action

Mr. Falkanger nominated Dan Lavrich for Chair, and Mr. Ulmer seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr. Lavrich was elected chair.

Mr. D'Attile volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Bailey nominated Gregg D'Attile, and Mr. Rourke seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr. D'Attile was elected vice-chair.

3. Director's Report

Update of Forms

Dr. Barbosa noted that the code compliance officers are reviewing all of the forms for any updates needed and overall uniformity that will likely be presented to the Board in February.

Holiday Schedule

Dr. Barbosa announced the upcoming holiday schedule for staff during the last two weeks of December. She, as well as the code compliance officers, will be available by cellular at any time. There will always be someone in the office.

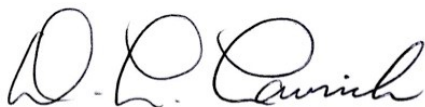
Ad Hoc Committee

Dr. Barbosa indicated that she has a list of individuals for the ad hoc committee regarding the physical presence of building officials and chief inspectors during regular business hours. She will be confirming their willingness to serve and plan for the first meeting by the end of January or the beginning of February. The Board will be kept apprised.

- 4. **Attorney's Report** - none
- 5. **Committee Reports** - none
- 6. **General Board Member Discussion**

Chairman Lavrich announced the upcoming open discussion meeting on December 13th at 2 pm.

- 7. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Daniel Lavrich, P.E. - Chair

From: Parks, Bryan
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Joseph, Jonda
Subject: Nesbitt Email

From: Fred Nesbitt <fnesbitt911@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 12:28 PM
To: DANIEL LAVRICH <dlavrich@aol.com>
Cc: Jeff Lucas <JLucas@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] December 8 Meeting

Dan - I see that BORA has on the agenda for December 8 the proposed amendments to Section F-121 AED/BCK recommendation of the Fire Code Committee.

On behalf of the 33 high-rise residential building members of the Galt Mile Community Association, I am writing to express our full support for the amendment and urge the Board of Rules and Appeals to approve it on second reading. I believe this is a very workable compromise and will benefit all affected parties.

Fred Nesbitt, President
Galt Mile Community Association

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