

# Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

## Zoom Meeting Information:

<https://broward-org.zoomgov.com/j/1604545052>

Meeting ID: 160 454 5052

### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman D'Attile called a published virtual meeting of the Broward County Board of Rules to order at 7:00 PM.

### II. ROLL CALL

Gregg D'Attile, Chairman  
Ron Burr, Vice Chairman  
Shalanda Giles-Nelson  
R. Art Kamm  
Daniel Lavrich  
Sergio Pellecer  
Daniel Rourke  
Robert Taylor  
David Tringo  
Derek A. Wassink  
Abbas Zackria

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On behalf of the Board, Chairman D'Attile presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Lavrich for his service as chair of the Board for a total of seven terms.

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 10-0.

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 14, 2023, Board Meeting

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Ms. Giles-Nelson seconded the motion to approve the December 14, 2023, minutes as submitted. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 10-0.

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

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Mr. Tim Slack advised that he is a licensed contractor doing primarily paving work in Broward County. House Bill 735 will put him out of business because the State does not license this type of work. His license would be terminated in June.

Mr. Charles Kramer, Board Attorney, advised that this bill is problematic for several reasons. The Administrative Director has initiated a letter-writing campaign. All building officials, assistant building officials, chief inspectors and interested parties are being asked to write to the congressman involved, Marty Casinni, attorney for Intergovernmental Affairs, Mo Madani of the Florida Building Commission, and the assistant attorney for Broward County, expressing strong objection to the bill. The legislative session just opened January 9<sup>th</sup>. He felt the best course would be rescission of the bill. He encouraged Mr. Slack to provide his email address to Dr. Barbosa to receive a letter format that

can be used by as many people he may contact to express opposition. Mr. Kramer emphasized that time is of the essence.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Certifications – Staff Recommended**

#### **CITY OF DANIA BEACH**

O'Linn, Daniel F., Assistant Building Official

#### **TOWN OF LAZY LAKE**

Puentes, Ronald J., Building Official

#### **CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES**

Rodriguez, Alexander, Electrical Inspector (Provisional)

#### **CITY OF SUNRISE**

Khan, Sajjad, Fire Inspector

#### **COUNTYWIDE**

Juarez, Ernesto J., Mechanical Plans Examiner

O'Linn, Daniel F., Structural Inspector

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Rosenkoff, Gilbert, Structural Plans Examiner

Torres, Christopher, Electrical Inspector

Vayalinkal, Sebastian, Structural Inspector

Mr. Pellecer made a motion, and Mr. Lavrich seconded the motion to approve the certifications as recommended. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 11-0.

## **VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Second reading of the Broward County Amendments to the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (2023) of the Florida Fire Prevention Code**

#### **a. Staff Report**

Mr. Bryan Parks, Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer, noted the amendments passed by unanimous vote of the Fire Code Committee. There have not been any modifications since the first reading.

#### **b. Public Hearing**

Chairman D'Attile opened the floor for public comment but there was no one wishing to speak.

#### **c. Board Questions – none**

#### **d. Board Action**

Mr. Lavrich made a motion, and Mr. Pellecer seconded the motion to approve the amendments on second reading as recommended. The motion was carried out by a unanimous vote of 11-0.

### **2. Director's Report**

Dr. Barbosa indicated that she is working on administrative policies that she will be presenting a couple at a time to the Board.

**3. Attorney's Report**

Mr. Kramer noted that My Amelia representatives filed a motion requesting a written opinion or clarification from the 4th District Court to proceed to the Florida Supreme Court. The court denied the motion, and a subsequent letter of closure was issued.

**4. Committee Reports**

**5. General Board Member Discussion**

Dr. Barbosa announced that the Board's upcoming open discussion is set for Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. Chairman D'Attile announced that this is an opportunity for anyone to meet with the Board members, and staff. There is no agenda aside from questions and answers.

Mr. Burr pointed out anyone affected by House Bill 735 could attend the open discussion.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg D'Attile". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregg D'Attile, Chairman

*If a person desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and, for this reason, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (FS Sec.286.0105).*

*Members: If you cannot attend the meeting, please get in touch with Dr. Barbosa at 954-931-2393 between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.*