

THE BORA QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

WELCOME BACK!

We hope that the first quarter of 2024 has been a productive one for your Department. The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will continue to offer educational opportunities in the upcoming quarter, and we hope that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer.

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 keep members of the public informed about what our agency is doing to contribute to positive and effective change, throughout Broward County.

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CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



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.

BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY

Administrative Director

Ana Barbosa, DBA x9692

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

HR and Accounts Payables Specialist

Ruth Boselli x9689

Communications and Marketing Specialist

Brianna Curry x9685

Board Clerk

Jonda Joseph x9691

Payroll and Accounts Receivables Specialist

Maria "Pat" Kong x9683

Operations Manager

Natasha Strong x9681

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

Chief Electrical Code Compliance Officer

Kenneth Castronovo x9688

Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer

Timothy de Carion x9682

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

Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer

Bryan Parks x9684

Chief Mechanical Code Compliance Officer

Rolando Soto, P.E. x9693

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 meetings and/or committee meetings, 1 hour of the required credit will be earned.
- By attending professional association meetings approved by the BORA Staff (i.e. FGAMI, IAEI, COEA), ½ hour of the required credit will be earned for each meeting attended.

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through board and/or committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 5-6, 2024

FIABC Spring Seminar: Sessions 1 and 2

9:00 AM

Registration → [Application](#)

Additional Information → [FIABC Spring Seminar](#)

MARCH 19-20, 2024

FIABC Spring Seminar: Sessions 3 and 4

9:00 AM

Registration → [Application](#)

Additional Information → [FIABC Spring Seminar](#)

APRIL 11, 2024

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

MARCH 8, 2024

Broward County Fire Inspector Exam

9:00 AM

Registration → [Application](#)

Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

MARCH 20, 2024

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Open Discussion Meeting

9:00 AM

Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

MAY 10, 2024

Broward County Fire Inspector Exam

9:00 AM

Registration → [Application](#)

Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

MARCH 14, 2024

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

MARCH 20, 2024

BORA-IAEI Electrical Seminar

1:00 PM

Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

JUNE 8, 2024

8-Hour NEC 2020 Code Review
FL 0001539, ICC 2925

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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 send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.

COCONUT CREEK

- Structural Plans Examiner

MARGATE

- Assistant Director/Building Official
- Electrical Inspector/Plans Examiner
- Structural Plans Examiner/Inspector

OAKLAND PARK

- Building Inspector (Structural)
- Chief Inspector - Structural
- Plans Examiner/Inspector II (Part-Time)

SUNRISE

- Building Inspector – Structural
- Structural Plans Examiner



BROWARD COUNTY 8TH EDITION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING AND FIRE CODE AMENDMENTS

The Board of Rules and Appeals **adopted** the revised **Chapter 1 of the 8th Edition (2023) of the Florida Building Code (FBC)**. The Broward County Local Fire Code Amendments of the **8th Edition (2023) of the Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC)** were **adopted** as well.

Both the building and fire amendments became effective on December 31, 2023. The staff reviewed the previous 7th Edition Chapter I, revised the Code or Florida Statute references when needed, and made necessary changes. An effort was made to correct grammatical issues and make Chapter 1 more reader-friendly without changing the meaning of the code sections.

BORA FORMAL INTERPRETATIONS READOPTED FOR THE 8TH EDITION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE (FBC)

The **Board** readopted **BORA Formal Interpretations** (FI) for the 8th Edition of the Florida Building Code (FBC). The Broward BORA staff reviewed and revised the formal interpretations to adhere to the updated code. The staff recommended that the 7th Edition FI-18, “Direct venting of solid fuel pizza ovens,” and FI-26, “Location of permanently installed residential standby generator’s exhaust,” not be renewed.

The Formal Interpretations were effective on December 31, 2023.



NEW: FORMAL INTERPRETATION #34

In **December**, the Board of Rules and Appeals approved **Formal Interpretation #34**, Painting of Sprinkler and Cover Plates on Concealed Sprinklers. The Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1, Section 13.3.3.5.1.6 states:

That sprinklers shall not be altered in any respect or have any type of ornamentation, paint, or coatings applied after shipment from the place of manufacture [25:5.4.1.7].

The Board approved the BORA staff recommendation that sprinkler and sprinkler cover plates shall not be altered by painting as supported by the provisions found in NFPA 1 and NFPA 13.



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Start off the 2024-2025 certification cycle strong by participating in continuing education opportunities. Twenty-eight educational hours must be completed by the end of the cycle, and at least half of the requirement must be discipline-specific courses. Keep up with the upcoming courses being offered by visiting the [Broward BORA website](#) or by contacting a [BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#).

2024 BORA-IAEI SEMINAR SCHEDULE

The Board of Rules and Appeals and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) sponsor electrical seminars for the public throughout the year. The 2024 BORA-IAEI Seminar Schedule is available online. The monthly courses and Board of Directors meetings are open to IAEI members and guests. Please contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#) for more information about the seminars.



BORA CCCOs PROVIDE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE TRAINING

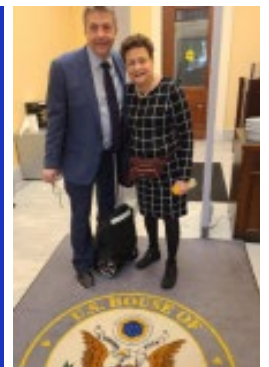
Broward BORA Chief Code Compliance Officers Rolando Soto and Timothy de Carion taught an **Introduction to Florida Building Codes** course to students at the University of Miami. Architectural students were given an opportunity to learn about the Florida Building Codes, adding another dimension to their education.

Soto and de Carion also provided training about the updates to the Florida Mechanical Code and Energy Conservation Code for the South Florida Association of Air Conditioning Contractors. For more information or to schedule a training for your department, please contact [Rolando Soto](#) or [Timothy de Carion](#).

BORA MEMBER, LYNN WOLFSON TAKES CHANGE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Board Member Lynn Wolfson is [promoting Lynn’s Law](#). The purpose of Lynn’s Law is to require public restrooms to be more accessible to individuals with digestive disorders. Ms. Wolfson is working with State Representative Robin Bartleman to promote this legislation. She made presentations to the Digestive Disease National Coalition and the International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Diseases.

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





BROWARD BORA ACH PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Broward BORA accepts Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payments. To request enrollment, send an email to [Maria "Pat" Kong](#).

Payments that are processed through ACH are not immediate and may take 2-4 business days to process. To take advantage of the 3% discount, you must submit your payment before the 15th of each month.

To report your online payment to BORA, you must send the following documentation to [Maria "Pat" Kong](#) every month:

1. Copy of the electronic transaction reporting the total amount made to our account.
2. Remittance Advice form with the information about the month reported, showing the deduction of the 3% discount if submitting the electronic payment before the 15th of each month.
3. A breakdown showing the minimum \$2.00 charge, if applicable.

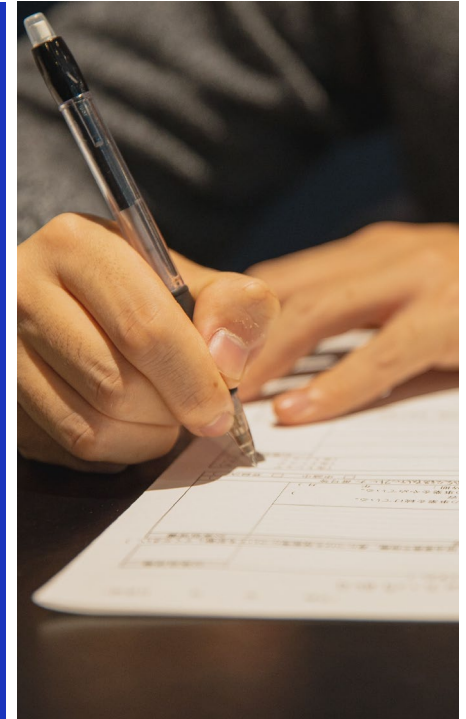
2024 BROWARD COUNTY FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM REGISTRATION

The [2024 Exam Dates](#) are available for the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam. To qualify for the exam, submit the completed, signed [application](#) and policy statement by mail to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals or email to [Jonda Joseph](#).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will pay for first-time test takers to take the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam. A \$60.00 fee will be required to retake the exam by the test taker.

For additional information regarding the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam, please download the [Open Book Examination Preparation Guide](#).

Broward BORA will, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services leading to effective communication for individuals with disabilities. This includes qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, documents in Braille, and other ways of making communications accessible to those with speech, hearing, or vision impairments. Please be sure to request auxiliary aids or services on the exam application.



VOTING MEMBERS

Mr. Gregg D’Attile – Chair
Air Conditioning Contractor

Mr. Ron Burr – Vice Chair
Swimming Pool Contractor

Mr. Stephen E. Bailey, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Mr. John Famularo
Roofing Contractor

Mrs. Shalanda Giles Nelson
General Contractor

Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

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

Mr. Sergio Pellecer
Fire Service Professional

Mr. Daniel Rourke
Master Plumber

Mr. John Sims
Master Electrician

Mr. Dennis A. Ulmer
Consumer Advocate

Ms. Lynn Wolfson
Representative Disabled Community

Mr. 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

Mr. Jeff Falkanger
Architect

Mr. Steven Feller, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

Mr. Alberto Fernandez
General Contractor

Mr. David Rice, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Mr. Robert Taylor
Fire Service Professional

Mr. James Terry
Master Plumber

Mr. David Tringo
Master Electrician

Mr. Derrick Wassink, P.E.
Structural Engineer

VACANT
Roofing Contractor