

# THE BORA QUARTERLY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## SEASONS GREETINGS

We hope that 2023 treated you well. As we transition into 2024, the Board of Rules and Appeals would like to extend our gratitude to the building and fire departments throughout Broward County that we worked with throughout the year.

**Happy Holidays from Broward BORA!**



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# BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## STAY INFORMED

The BORA Quarterly was introduced in June 2018 as a way for our agency 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

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## 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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Ana Barbosa, DBA ..... x9692

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Ruth Boselli ..... x9689

**Administrative Specialist**  
Brianna Curry ..... x9685

**Administrative Specialist**  
Jonda Joseph ..... x9691

**Administrative Specialist**  
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**Operations Manager**  
Natasha Strong ..... x9681

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Kenneth Castronovo ..... x9688

**Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer**  
Timothy de Carion ..... x9682

**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

## 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. 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/or committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER 5, 2023

#### 2024-2025 Recertification Cycle Application Deadline

Postmarked by December 5, 2023

Recertification Information → [Application](#)

### JANUARY 5, 2024

#### Broward County Fire Inspector Exam

9:00 AM

Registration → [Application](#)

### DECEMBER 14, 2023

#### Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

### JANUARY 17, 2024

#### Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting

7:00 PM

Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

### DECEMBER 31, 2023

#### Effective Date, Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023)

### JANUARY 17, 2024

#### BORA Open Discussion Meeting

9:00 AM

Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)



## BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit the [Broward BORA website](#) for the complete County and Municipal job postings list.

### FORT LAUDERDALE

- Construction Review Specialist
- Building/Structural Plans Examiner

### OAKLAND PARK

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

### POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)
- Building Field Inspector I (Electrical)
- Fire Inspector

### SUNRISE

- Building Inspector – Structural

If your municipality would like to post a job announcement on our website, please send an email to [rulesboard@broward.org](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org).



## 2024-2025 BORA RECERTIFICATION CYCLE

The 2024-2025 Building Recertification Cycle ends on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Be sure to submit your recertification packet to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals office (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) prior to the deadline.

**Recertification Forms** can be found on the Broward BORA website. All Building Officials, Assistant Building Officials, Chief Inspectors, Plans Examiners, and Inspectors who are presently certified by BORA must complete this process.

### **IMPORTANT! Please ensure the following when submitting your recertification:**

- Complete and return all forms to the Board of Rules and Appeals office by December 5, 2023.
- Attach the Continuing Education Affidavit signed by the applicant.
- 28 educational contact hours must have been completed by December.
  - Note:** At least ½ of this requirement must be discipline-specific courses.
- Please include the notarized Affidavit, Board of Rules and Appeals Policy #14-02.
- Your new 2024-2025 recertification cards will be valid through December 31, 2025.

For more information about the recertification process or the 2024-2025 recertification cycle, please contact [Jonda Joseph](#) or a [BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#).

## BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM FOLLOW UP

Municipal Building Departments throughout Broward County sent notifications to property owners whose buildings are subject to the [Building Safety Inspection Program](#), beginning the process of having the property inspection completed by a Florida-licensed professional.

**Please be advised that the Building Safety Inspection Program does not require the building to be brought up to the current code.**

If you do not receive a notification and your property is 25 years or older, don't hesitate to contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located. You will still be held accountable for completing the inspection whether the municipality contacts you or not. For structural questions, contact [Jack Morell](#) or [Michael Guerasio](#). For electrical questions, contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#). For previous inspection records, please contact the [Municipality](#) where your property is located.

# AMENDMENTS FOR THE 8TH EDITION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE (FBC)

- 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 7th Edition FI-18 and FI-26 were not renewed. The Formal Interpretations will go into effect on December 31, 2023.
- Technical Amendments to the 8th Edition of the Florida Building Code (FBC)**  
 At a public hearing in **November**, the Board approved the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Technical Amendments to the 8th Edition of the Florida Building Code (FBC). The **Technical Amendments** will go into effect on December 31, 2023.

## BROWARD BORA CODE BOOK DISTRIBUTION

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

- ASHRAE 90.1 & ASHRAE 188
- NEC Handbook (2020)
- 2023 Florida Building Code books, Eighth Edition:
  - Accessibility
  - Building
  - Energy Conservation
  - Existing Building
  - Fuel Gas
  - Mechanical
  - Plumbing
  - Residential
  - Test Protocols for High-Velocity Hurricane Zones

For questions about the codes, please contact a **[Broward BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#)**.



## 2024 BORA BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The Board of Rules and Appeals' **[2024 Board Meeting Calendar](#)** is available on the Broward BORA website. Please refer to the Board meeting schedule for deadlines regarding Building and Fire Code appeals. Submit a **[Request](#)** to Broward BORA to receive Board meeting agenda notifications.



## 2023 BORA ENERGY GUIDELINES (8TH EDITION)

After receiving recommendations from the [BORA Energy Conservation Committee](#), the Board **Approved** the updated BORA Energy Guidelines.

- [2023 BORA Commercial Energy Guidelines, Eighth Edition](#)
- [2023 BORA Residential Energy Guidelines, Eighth Edition](#)

The updated guidelines include the Amendments to the (2023) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation. These guidelines are a helpful tool for Building Officials to adopt as part of their plan review and inspection processes, as an aid to assign duties and ensure compliance.

The Florida Building Code Energy Conservation Administrative Chapters do not designate which discipline-specific code official will review energy compliance reports, building plans, or inspect specific items.

## 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.

Broward BORA will, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services leading to effective communication for people with disabilities, including qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, documents in Braille, and other ways of making communications accessible to people with speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Please be sure to request auxiliary aids or services on the exam application.



## VOTING MEMBERS

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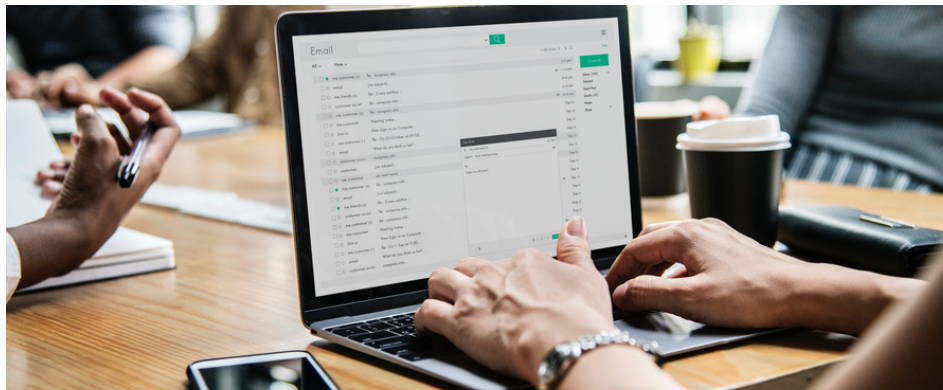
**Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.**  
Mechanical Engineer

## VOTING 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](mailto: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. Robert Taylor**  
Fire Service Professional

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Structural Engineer

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Electrical Engineer

**Mr. James Terry**  
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**Mr. David Tringo**  
Master Electrician

**VACANT**  
Roofing Contractor