

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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

HELLO!

We hope that you enjoyed your summer. Ours was a busy one!

In the upcoming quarter, our agency will hold another open discussion meeting to discuss the Building Safety Inspection Program. We will also continue to provide continuing education opportunities and preparation for building department recertification will begin.

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 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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 Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals

BORA AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Both the [Board Meeting Agendas](#) and [Committee Meeting Agendas](#) are available on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals website.

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Ruth Boselli x9889

Administrative Specialist

Brianna Curry x9885

Administrative Specialist

Jonda Joseph x9891

Administrative Specialist

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Chief Electrical Code Compliance Officer

Kenneth Castronovo x9888

Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer

Timothy de Carion x9853

Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer

Bryan Parks x9884

Chief Mechanical Code Compliance Officer

Rolando Soto x9893

Chief Plumbing Code Compliance Officer

Vacant x9894

Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

Michael Guerasio x9886

Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

John "Jack" Morell x9887

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.

The 2020-2021 certification cycle will end on December 31, 2021. For more information, please see Page 6.

BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals:
Board Meeting

7:00PM

Meeting Information →

<https://www.broward.org/Commission/Pages/SunshineMeetings.aspx>

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Residential Energy Code Review Webinar

1:30 PM

BORA Contact Hours Available

Energy BCAIB & CILB Contact Hours Available

[Register Online](#)

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

An Open Discussion with your Broward County
Board of Rules and Appeals

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Link → TBA



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit broward.org/CodeAppeals for the full list of county and municipal job postings.

BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

- Plumbing Chief Code Compliance Officer

CORAL SPRINGS

- Electrical Inspector I (Part-Time – Will Call)
- Electrical Inspector II/ Plans Examiner (Full-Time)
- Mechanical Inspector I or Inspector II/ Plans Examiner (Full-Time)
- Plumbing Inspector I (Part-Time – Will Call)

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- Structural Inspector/Plans Examiner

PLANTATION

- Inspector II – Structural
- Inspector/Building Plans Examiner

If your municipality would like our agency to post a job announcement on our website, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.

2021 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

During the summer months, municipal building departments throughout Broward County began to notify property owners whose buildings are subject to the Building Safety Inspection Program. If your property is 40 years or older, please contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located.

If you did not receive a notification and your property is 40 years or older, please contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located. You will still be held accountable for completed the inspection whether the municipality contacts you or not. **Please be advised that the 40-Year Inspection does not require the building to be brought up to current code.**

Building Safety Inspection Program – [Informational Packet](#)

Please keep in mind property inspection completed by a licensed professional engineer or a registered architect. For structural questions, contact Jack Morell (jmorell@broward.org) or Michael Guerasio (mguerasio@broward.org). For electrical questions, contact Kenneth Castronovo (kcastronovo@broward.org). For non-code related issues, contact Brianna Curry (bcurry@broward.org) or Maria “Pat” Kong (mkong@broward.org).



SEPTEMBER OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING WITH BROWARD BORA

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will hold an open discussion meeting on September 29, 2021. The meetings allow members of the public to discuss the Building Safety Inspection Program with the Broward BORA staff and Board members. **No votes will be taken during the open discussion meeting.**

To submit questions/comments about Building Safety Inspection Program, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.

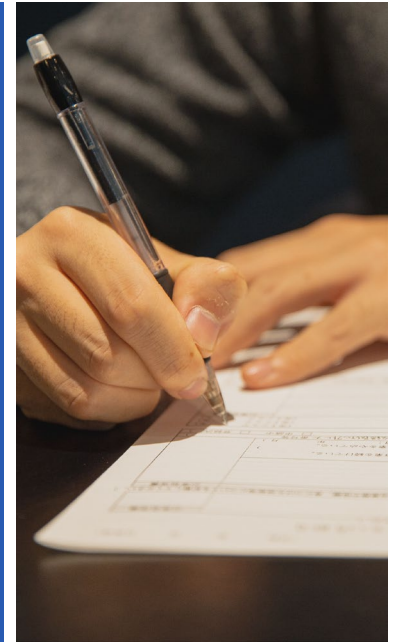
BROWARD COUNTY FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM REGISTRATION

Register for the two remaining 2021 Fire Inspector Exams:

- September 17, 2021
- November 19, 2021

To qualify for the exam, submit the completed and signed [application](#) and policy statement by mail to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) or by email to Jonda Joseph (jondajoseph@broward.org).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will pay for first-time test takers to take the Broward County Fire Exam. If a first-time test taker fails the exam, there is no limit for times the exam can be taken. The retakes must be paid for by the test taker. A \$60.00 fee must be paid by money order before the exam **OR** by credit card on the day of the exam.



ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE TRAINING

Broward BORA Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer, Timothy de Carion, provides training to staff members at municipal building departments about energy code compliance. The training will assist with increasing uniformity in the way that they energy code is enforced throughout Broward County. The training sessions can be held virtually or in-person.

For more information or to schedule your training session, please contact Mr. de Carion at 954-765-4500 (x9853) or tdecarion@broward.org.

BORA STAFF RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES AVAILABLE ON BROWARD BORA WEBSITE

There is a new hub for the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeal's staff recommendations. The recommendations for the building and fire disciplines can be found on the Broward BORA [website](#). For questions about the recommendations, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.

(Please note, that the recommended practices are staff opinions and do not represent formal votes of the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals.)

2022-2023 BUILDING RECERTIFICATION CYCLE

The 2022-2023 Building Recertification Cycle is ending this December. Remember to submit your recertification packet to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals office (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324) by December 6, 2021.

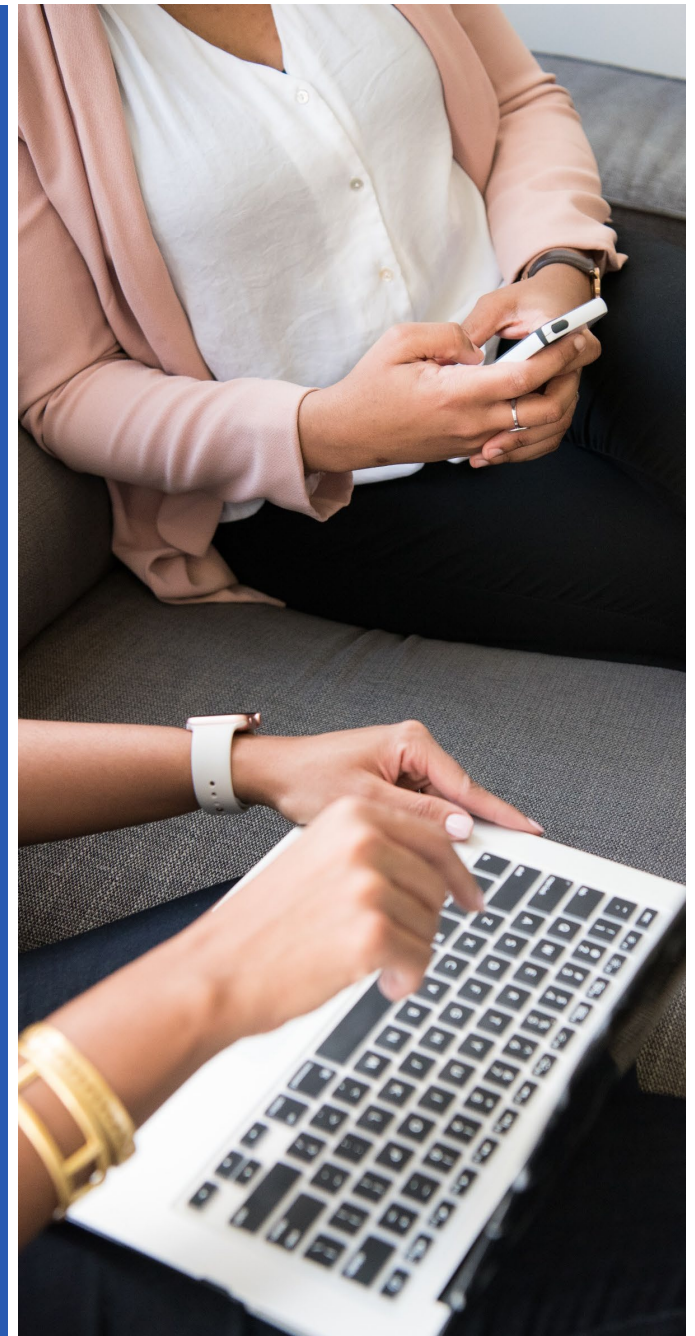
The Building Certification Forms can be found on the Broward BORA [website](#).

All applications shall include the required information in the following order:

1. Building Official Checklist
2. Recertification Application
3. License Numbers Form
4. Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Policy #14-02
5. Complete the Affidavit of Education and submit it along with either copies of Certificates or Department of Business and Professional Regulation print out of Continuing Education Attendance. Note: At least 1/2 of this requirement must be discipline specific courses.
6. Copy of State/County Contractors/(MEP) Journeyman's License or Provide State copy from State Website verification.
 - Copy of Registered Architect License
 - Copy of Professional Engineer License
7. Copy of BCAIB (State) Code Certificates (Inspector, Plans Examiner, etc.) or Provide State copy from State Website verification.

Failure to include these items shall be cause for rejection.

For more information about the recertification process as the 2020-2021 certification cycle comes to an end, please see the program's Recertification Application on the Broward BORA website or contact jondajoseph@broward.org.





BORA RESIDENTIAL ENERGY GUIDELINES

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals unanimously approved the [BORA Residential Energy Guidelines](#) at the August 12, 2021, Board meeting. The Broward BORA Energy Conservation Committee created the residential guidelines document to assist code officials in enforcing the 2020 Energy Conservation Code uniformly throughout Broward County. These guidelines are not code requirements, but they contain code numbers for easy reference.

Each municipality received five copies of the guidelines to be distributed to each of the discipline chiefs and the building official. A fillable electronic copy can be downloaded from the BORA [website](#).

Each checklist is divided into three sections:

1. Plan Review
2. Rough Inspections
3. Final Inspections

Useful forms can be found in the appendix.

For more information, please contact Mr. Tim de Carion, Energy Code Compliance Officer, at 954-765-4500 (x9853) or tdecarion@broward.org.

VIRTUAL TRAINING REMINDER

At the March 11, 2021 Board Meeting, a building code amendment ([FBC, Section 104.18](#)) was adopted regarding virtual training. Starting, January 1, 2022, only half of the required 28 hours of training will be permitted to be obtained through virtual courses.

For the current 2020-2021 certification cycle, there is no limit on the hours of training acquired virtually due to COVID-19.



BORA CHAIR SERVING ON BROWARD COUNTY CONDOMINIUM STRUCTURAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Chair, Mr. Daniel Lavrich, P.E., S.I., SECB, F.ASCE, F.SEI, served on Mayor Steve Gellar’s Broward County Condominium Structural Issues Committee.

Chair Lavrich was joined by professionals with expertise in condominium laws, structural issues, land use and water issues. The committee held three meetings throughout August 2021.

The committee discussed the following topics:

- Overviews of the existing laws and regulations surrounding condominium governance, maintenance, statutory reserves, termination, etc.
- Enforcement of the 40-year recertification
- Effects of Sea Level rise on Condominiums
- Issues of redevelopment of obsolete condominiums, or condominiums damaged or destroyed by natural or other disasters.
- The impending insurance crisis pertaining to condominiums.
- What will the impacts be on condominiums and on society if maintenance costs increase, engineering costs increase, and insurance costs double or triple?

The Broward County Condominium Structural Issues Committee meetings were recorded and are available to watch [online](#).



2019-2021 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM AUDITS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals staff conducted an audit of the Building Safety Inspection Program results from Broward County governmental jurisdictions from 2019-2021. The Broward BORA staff is currently updating the results of the audit as information is submitted by the building departments throughout Broward County.

To receive a copy of the 2019-2021 Building Safety Inspection Program Audit results, please send your request to rulesboard@broward.org.

VOTING MEMBERS

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

Mr. Stephen E. Bailey, P.E. – Vice Chair
Electrical Engineer

Mr. Sergio Pellecer
Fire Service Professional

Mr. John Famularo
Roofing Contractor

Mrs. Shalanda Giles Nelson
General Contractor

Mr. Daniel Rourke
Master Plumber

Mr. Gregg D’Attile
Mechanical Contractor

Ms. Lynn E. Wolfson
Representative of Disabled
Community

Mr. Ron Burr
Swimming Pool Contractor

Mr. John Sims
Master Electrician

Mr. Dennis A. Ulmer
Consumer Advocate

Mr. Abbas H. Zackria, CSI
Architect

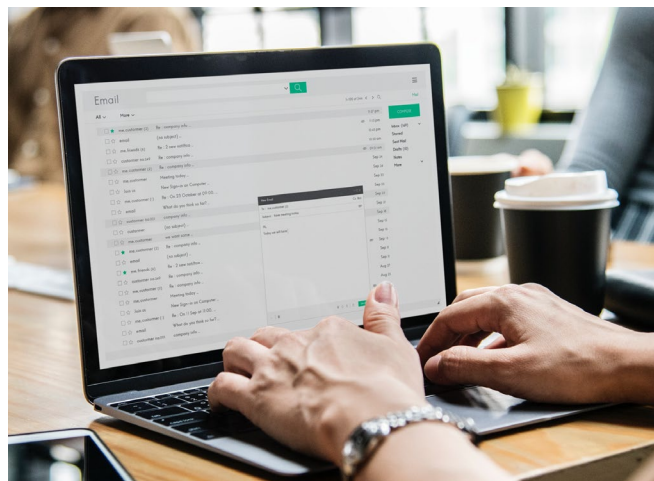
Mr. Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people! 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.



ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Mr. Jeff Falkanger
Architect

Mr. Steven Feller, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

Mr. Alberto Fernandez
General Contractor

Mr. Robert Taylor
Fire Service Professional

VACANT
Structural Engineer

Mr. David Rice, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Mr. James Terry
Master Plumber

Mr. David Tringo
Master Electrician

Mr. William Flett
Roofing Contractor

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.