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**STATE BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS**

**AGENDA**

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**May 13, 2003 @ 1:00 p.m.**

The McCormack State Office Building  
 One Ashburton Place  
 Conference Room 3 – 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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This is a Public Hearing to hear testimony on the proposed Sixth Edition of the State Building as well as a regular meeting of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

**PART 1 – PUBLIC HEARING**

<b><u>Change Number</u></b>	<b><u>Proponent</u></b>	<b><u>Section\Table</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Change</u></b>
<b>5-03-01</b>	<b>Clark C. Burritt, R.A.</b> City of Worcester Dept. of Code Enforcement 25 Meade Street Worcester, MA 01610	<b>Chapter 7</b> Section 705	<b>Fireresistant Materials and Construction</b> The proposal would create an exception to Table 705.3 where protected openings are not permitted for building separations of three feet or less.
<b>5-03-02</b>	<b>Maurice Pilette, P.E.</b> 19 Erie Drive P.O. Box 2188 Natick, MA 01760	<b>Chapter 9</b> Section 904.1	<b>Fire Protection Systems</b> The proposal, via exception, would allow transformer vaults in buildings to be designed and constructed without fire suppression based on transformer characteristics.

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## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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### OLD BUSINESS

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1. Review \approve minutes of the **April 8, 2003 meeting** (Meeting minutes will be forwarded via e-mail at a later time or distributed at meeting.)
2. Further discuss the development/adoption process of the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) and International Mechanical Code as the base documents for formulating the **Seventh Edition of the Massachusetts Building Code**.
  - a.) Review comments received and discuss future hearing schedules (material to be distributed at meeting).
  - b.) Status of the BCCC Process and how it affects code development.
3. Discuss **MGL c 143 § 3R** requirements relating to the make-up of acceptable locking arrangements and ancillary equipment.
4. Review status of moratorium for **sprinklering of elevator machine rooms**.
5. Discuss **transformer vault** status.

### NEW BUSINESS

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1. Consider updating **NFPA Reference Standards** relating to fire protection systems installation and maintenance, as listed in Appendix A of the Sixth Edition of the Building Code via emergency action as requested by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Sprinkler Contractors and Pipe fitters.
2. Discuss **801 CMR 1.02** training via the Office of the Attorney General.
3. Discuss request for **official interpretation** regarding I-2 Use Group Day Care Centers in Type 5B buildings.
4. Approve new **construction supervisors licenses** - March 11, 2003 to April 8, 2003.
5. Discuss results of
  - a.) **Building Official Certification Hearings** which took place on April 16, 2003 in Taunton.
6. Other business.