

**STATE BUILDING CODE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2022
Henrico County Tuckahoe Area Library
1901 Starling Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23229**

Members Present

Mr. James R. Dawson, Chairman
Mr. W. Shaun Pharr, Esq., Vice-Chairman
Ms. Christina Jackson
Mr. Joseph Kessler
Mr. R. Jonah Margarella
Mr. Eric Mays, PE
Ms. Joanne Monday
Mr. Aaron Zdinak, PE
Ms. Elizabeth White

Members Absent

Mr. Vince Butler
Mr. Daniel Crigler
Mr. Alan D. Givens
Mr. David V. Hutchins

- Call to Order The meeting of the State Building Code Technical Review Board (“Review Board”) was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Secretary Travis Luter.
- Roll Call The roll was called by Mr. Luter and a quorum was present. Mr. Justin I. Bell, legal counsel for the Board from the Attorney General’s Office, was also present.
- Approval of Minutes The draft minutes of the September 17, 2021 meeting in the Review Board members’ agenda package were considered. Ms. Monday moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pharr and passed with Ms. White and Messrs. Margarella and Mays abstaining.
- Public Comment Chair Dawson opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Luter announced that Jonathan Sergeant with Omegaflex had signed up to speak. Mr. Sergeant was given the floor for two minutes to speak.
- With no one else coming forward, Chair Dawson closed the public comment period.
- Interpretation Request Interpretation Request of Richard Grace (Fairfax County);
Interpretation Request No. 01-22:
- An interpretation request from Richard Grace of Fairfax County was considered concerning the 2018 Virginia Construction Code (VCC), on Sections 112.2, 112.3, 403.3(VFGC)/G2414.3(VRC), and 404.17.1(VFGC)/G2415.17.1(VRC) related to whether PEX-AL-PEX piping, listed under ICC-ES Product Certificate PMG-1588, and

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proposed for use as fuel gas piping within or under a building, at least equivalent in safety and suitability, to other pipe materials listed for such use in the Virginia Fuel Gas Code and the Virginia Residential Code.

Mr. Mays moved that the answer to the question of whether PEX-AL-PEX piping, listed under ICC-ES Product Certificate PMG-1588, and proposed for use as fuel gas piping within or under a building, at least equivalent in safety and suitability, to other pipe materials listed for such use in the Virginia Fuel Gas Code and the Virginia Residential Code to be “No”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zdinak and passed unanimously.

After further deliberation, Mr. Mays moved to reconsider the previously approved motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zdinak and passed unanimously.

After further deliberation, Mr. Mays moved to amend the previous motion to be that the answer to the question of whether PEX-AL-PEX piping, listed under ICC-ES Product Certificate PMG-1588, and proposed for use as fuel gas piping within or under a building, at least equivalent in safety and suitability, to other pipe materials listed for such use in the Virginia Fuel Gas Code and the Virginia Residential Code to be, “No, the VFGC and VRC require polyethylene plastic pipe and tubing used for fuel gas to conform to ASTM D2513 and aluminum-alloy pipe and tubing used for fuel gas to conform with ASTM B241 (or B210). PEX-AL-PEX does not conform to either of these standards.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Interpretations

Approval of Interpretation 01/2022:

After review and consideration of Interpretation 01/2022 presented on the screen at the front of the room, Mr. Mays moved to approve Interpretation 01/2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Staff Direction

Distribution of Interpretation 01/2022:

After approval of Interpretation 01/2022 Mr. Mays moved to direct staff to distribute the interpretation to all local code officials through whatever means they deem appropriate. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jackson and passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report

Mr. Luter presented the Board with the proposed 2022 Review Board meeting calendar, which was reviewed, considered, and approved by the Board.

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Mr. Luter informed the Board no update had been received from the City of Suffolk related to the Anthony T. Grant Jr. case.

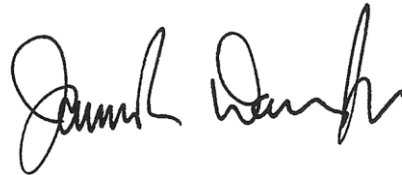
Mr. Luter informed the Board of the current caseload for the upcoming meeting scheduled for March 18, 2022.

Attorney Bell provided legal updates to the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by proper motion at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Approved: March 18, 2022



Chairman, State Building Code Technical Review Board



Secretary, State Building Code Technical Review Board