

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATION EXAMINERS AND APPEALS**

**MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

**February 23, 2023**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm. by Chair Vannoy.

**Board Present**

Eric Cowling  
Don McCann  
Craig Fredeen  
Sterling Strait  
Bryce Hamels  
Larry Kunder  
Dan Vannoy  
Keith Sobolesky  
Daniel Folmar  
Jason Arnold  
Andre Spinelli

**Board Absent**

Jason Dial

**Staff Present**

Ross Noffsinger  
Scott Campbell  
Yars Dovba

**Public Participation**

Tyler Gray – Mechanical  
Construction &  
Consulting  
Jason Fernandes – UA  
Local 367

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Folmar moved to approve. Mr. Hamels second and the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a. **Minutes of February 19, 2023**

**Mr. Fredeen moved to approve. Mr. Hamels second. Unanimously approved.**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **AO 2021-88(S) Repeal and Reenact 23.10.105.1 Licensing Requirements – new AO 2023-XXX**

Chair Vannoy asked staff for an overview. Staff reported it has been over a year since AO 2022-88(S) was passed by the Assembly noting they took it upon themselves to change licensing requirements without any input and in doing so they opened the door for anyone to do electrical work and that put us out of compliance with the State of Alaska requirements. Staff worked with the Assembly Attorney drafting language that is now the ordinance before you. Most of the language is extracted verbatim from the state requirements. Where there were gray areas, we narrowed it and made it understandable and enforceable.

The board began discussing, asking questions of the changes, what is new, and what is being repealed. Some board members wanted to make sure that no new requirements were being added in and to make sure they understand what was being repealed.

**Mr. Hamels moved to call the question. Mr. Kunder seconded the motion. Nine in favor and two opposed. Motion passed.**

Clarification was called for after the vote as there seemed to be confusion on the motion and vote. It was agreed to reconsider the motion. **Mr. Fredeen motioned to reconsider the previous vote regarding the ordinance. Mr. McCann second the motion. Reconsideration motion passed.**

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The board began discussion and focused on whether the ordinance should be amended to allow an owner to perform electrical work on a duplex, as in the past the municipality allowed it. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed the municipality would not allow an owner to perform electrical work on a duplex. The board agreed to approve the ordinance as written.

**Mr. Hamels motioned to accept the Assembly ordinance as written. Mr. Cowling seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Staffed explained the next step would be to send the board’s recommendation back to the Assembly via the Assembly Attorney.


**5. REPORTS**

Staff reported on the Turnagain CrossFit gym collapse.

**6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Strait gave a brief report on a discussion concerning the proposed independent structural plan review ordinance sponsored by Assemblyman Cross with the Structural Engineering Association of Alaska (SEAAK). Wayne Bolen, a structural plan reviewer with the MOA, attended. We had a very good conversation, and the result was Mr. Cross said he was going to do some more updates and come out with an S version. That's still kind of going on in the background and at some point, he expected it to come back before the board in a revised version.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. **Mr. McCann moved. Mr. Hamels seconded. Approved.**

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Bryce Hamels, Chair  
Board of Building Regulation Examiners and Appeals

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Ross Noffsinger  
Building Official