

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATION EXAMINERS AND APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

February 7, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Scott Bohne.

Board Present	Board Absent	Staff Present	Public Participation
Scott Bohne	Bari Gray	Sharen Walsh	Jon Hawkinson
Skipp Bringmann	Serena O'Donnell	Jerry Weaver	Royal Fields
Rob Merchant	Troy Feller		
Craig Fredeen			
Paul Michelsohn			
Jonathan Steele			
Sterling Strait			
Tom Looney			

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** MR. STEELE moved to approve. MR. FREDEEN SECONDED. APPROVED.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 6, 2012

Mr. Michelsohn motioned and Mr. Fredeen seconded. December 6, 2012 minutes unanimously APPROVED.

4. **APPPEARANCE REQUESTS PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **AO2012-125-An ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly amending the Anchorage Municipal code sections 4.40.030 and 23.10.103.4 to provide for three-member building board hearing panels, refundable filing deposits, discretionary de novo review of hearing panel decisions by the board of building regulations examiners and appeals, and to expand the authority and jurisdiction of the building board to allow the building board to grant variances from the strict application of the building code.**

Staff briefed the board on the ordinance. The board asked questions and discussed. Mr. Looney arrived at 6:24 p.m.

Mr. Michelsohn motioned that the building board send a letter of approval to Assembly regarding the Ordinance. Mr. Looney seconded. Discussion continued for several minutes. Mr. Fredeen noting the board disapproved of the parent to this ordinance, so it would be inconsistent to approve this one. Chair Bohne called for a vote: 1 yea and 7 nays. Motion failed.

- b. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Bohne opened the floor to Chair nominations. **Mr. Fredeen nominated Mr. Bohne. Mr. Steele seconded. Unanimously Approved.**

Chair opened the floor to Vice Chair nominations. **Mr. Steele nominated Mr. Fredeen. Mr. Bringmann seconded. Unanimously approved**

7. REPORTS




Staff reported once Mr. Hawkinson and Mr. Fields are reappointed, the board should have a meeting to reaffirm the three member panels. Staff noted permits were up and the trend looked like it would continue. The Mayor approved another counter person and the department is now free to hire for the position Ms. Brooks left. The department advertised for two staff members and will begin interviews the last week in February. Also, noted was the department would like to revamp the development services division website and would be working public relations to help improve communications.

Chair Bohne asked if we could have an update on the code committees. Each board member updated the rest of the board on how their committee was doing.

Staff noted 2011 NEC is on the assembly agenda for Feb. 12, next Tuesday night and updated the board on how the new ordinance for residential review was working.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. **Mr. Fredeen moved. Mr. Bringmann seconded. Approved.**

		
Scott Bohne, Chairman	Sharen Walsh, P.E.	Date
Date	Building Official	
Board of Building Regulation Examiners and Appeals		