

**The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in the Conference Room located at 55 Cedar Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman George Farrell and Commissioners Preiss, Newbrook, Coutu, Burlingame, O'Connell, Evans and Filippi. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.**

**Appeal #040240: Mr. Anthony Marciano, Sr. for the property located at 1029 Charles Street, North Providence. Marshal David Vartian appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. An on-site inspection of this facility was conducted by a sub-committee of this Board on March 9, 2005. At this time the Board has requested that the Applicant meet with the North Providence Fire Marshal to prepare a plan of action and return before the Board with this plan on April 12, 2005.**

**Appeal #050016: Mr. Charles Rocha, Jr. for the property located at 1998 Pawtucket Avenue in East Providence (East Providence Technical Center). Captain Curtis Wise appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the following. A time variance is granted until the end of this school year in which to correct this deficiency. Sprinklers will be installed in the cited classroom prior to the commencement of the 2005/2006 academic year. A complete suppression system will be installed in**

**the cited classroom prior to the commencement of the 2006/2007 academic year. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #050111: Mr. William Ferguson, Mr. Thomas Wright, Mr. Corey DeBour, Mr. Ted Sanderson and Chief Steven Tocco for the property located at 90 Smith Street, Providence (RI State House) Chief of Inspections William Howe and Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Kent and McGarty appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. A motion was made by Commissioner Coutu, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the following. The Applicant has ninety (90) days in which to complete a plan of action covering the deficiencies that remain to be corrected in this facility. The motion was unanimous. A motion was made by Commissioner Newbrook, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to grant a variance to allow the cited curtain and chair fabric to be utilized in the State Room, with any additional safeguards required by the State Fire Marshal's office. That motion was also unanimous. This facility will re-appear before the Board on 14, 2005.**

**Appeal #0050112: Mr. William Ferguson, for the property located at 25 Parade Street in Providence. Deputy Chief Richard James, Chief of Inspections William Howe, and Inspector John Wheeler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to grant the Applicant the following relief. Fire extinguishers lacking in both the storage and industrial levels must be provided within thirty (30) days. Plans for**

**the municipal fire alarm system upgrade, emergency lighting, exit signage, sprinkler system and enclosure of the stairways must be provided within thirty (30) days to the AHJ, and installation of the systems must be completed within six (6) months from the date of this decision. The motion was unanimous. This file is to remain open.**

**Appeal #030092: Mr. Jose Sousa for the property located at 48 Cross Street in Central Falls. Deputy Chief Cournoyer appeared for the Central Falls Fire Marshal's office. It was determined by the Board that the Applicant should return to the Board on March 29, 2005 with a plan of action for this facility.**

**Appeal #030144: Mr. Adriano Daluz for the property located at 82-84 Railroad Street in Central Falls. Deputy Chief Cournoyer appeared for the Central Falls Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant 120 days from the date of this decision in order to allow the Applicant to complete all work required for this facility in accordance with Chapter 31 of the RI Life Safety Code. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #050056: Mr. Peter Gill Case for the property located at 28 Bayley Street in Pawtucket. Lt. Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to authorize the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office to grant a temporary certificate of**

**occupancy for this facility. The motion was unanimous.**

**Appeal #050052: Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Steve Cummins and Ms. Virginia Hess, for the property located at 172 Exchange Street in Pawtucket. Lt. Jeffrey Johnson appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office. Mr. Timothy Hawthorne appeared for Hawthorne Consulting. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant the following. A variance is granted from the provisions of 7.5.4.1 based on the Applicant's plan of action which would include communication devices in the classrooms and upgrading the stairs at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's office in conjunction with sprinkler and fire alarm coverage along with smoke barriers. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.**

**Under old business:**

**Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to accept the interpretation of the term "suspended" as provided by Midland Fire Protection, Inc.**

**Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coutu, to grant a temporary blanket variance until July 1, 2005, in order to allow places of worship to develop a plan of action for their facilities. The motion was unanimous.**

**Commissioner Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, that the requirements of the fire alarm provisions of section 13 as they pertain to buildings with mixed occupancies should remain “as is” in the rules and regulations. Cases can be heard before this Board as necessary on a case-by-case basis.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carol Marsella**