

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Review

February 7, 2012

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Richard, Blackburn, Burlingame, Jackson, Jasparro, Pearson and Dias. Commissioners Sylvester and Walker were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard:

Mr. Paul Jestings, for four (4) buildings on the campus of the Portsmouth Abbey School, 285 Cory's Lane in Portsmouth. Chief Jeffrey Lynch and Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Cranson appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office.

APPEAL #080136: Manor House Dorm

APPEAL #080135: Maintenance Shop

APPEAL #080134: Science Building

APPEAL #080048: Ice Arena

Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner

Jasparro, to accept the Applicant's plan of action for the correction of the remaining deficiencies in the above four (4) buildings, with all corrections to be completed prior to the 2012-2013 academic year. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090402: Mr. Peter Marinucci, for the property located at 10 Pocasset Avenue in Providence. Deputy State Fire Marshal Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairperson Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance in order that the Applicant may correct deficiencies in his facility, pursuant to the Applicant's agreement to block off the fourth floor of this facility. The corrections include, but are not limited to, the installation of a municipally connected fire alarm system and the enlargement of certain windows for means of escape. All corrections are to be made at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed over the opposition votes of Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame.

APPEAL #090049: City of Providence, for the property located at 109 Bucklin Street in Providence. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Blackburn and Jackson, to grant the Applicant the following relief, pursuant to the Applicant's reduction of the occupant load in this gymnasium to 205 persons. The Applicant is granted a variance to not sprinkle this facility, and to not enlarge

the egress, based on the new occupant load. The Applicant is granted a time variance to correct all other outstanding deficiencies. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090309: Mr. Pat Cull, for the property located at 79 Turnpike Avenue in Portsmouth. DSFM Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Michael Cranson appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Burlingame recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant's request for relief, based upon structural hardship and limited access. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090286: Mr. David Harlowe, for the property located at 21 Montrose Street in Providence. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty days to present a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies within this facility, and an additional 150 days in which to implement the plan of action. The State Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend either or both of the above timelines for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. Alternatively, the Applicant may vacate the facility instead of making the corrections, also within the above time frame. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090140: Ms. Frances Murphy, for the property located at 1279 Broad Street in Providence. DSFM Michael Macaruso appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies within this facility, and an additional 150 days in which to implement the plan of action. The State Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend either or both of the above timelines for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #120001: Wilkinson Associates, for the property located at 75 Carpenter Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Jackson, to approve the Applicant's requested variances and to approve the reinstatement of previously granted relief for this facility. The Applicant is directed to make the appropriate corrections on or before the beginning of the academic year in September of 2013. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Marsella