

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Walker, Thornton, Burlingame and Richard. Commissioners Jackson, Sylvester and Blackburn were absent. Also present were Peter Dennehy Esq., and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #130194A: Mr. Gabe Francis, for the property located at 380 Broadway, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the rating provided by the Applicant's engineer and to grant relief from the provisions of section 39.3.4.4 and not require the Applicant to provide emergency forces notification in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140018: Mr. Rodney Andreoni appeared for Wanskuk Hall Realty, Inc., for the property located at 754 Branch Avenue in Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days from the hearing date to present his plan of action to

the Providence Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a compliant fire alarm within this facility, and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend the above timelines for good faith efforts being demonstrated by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140020: Mr. William Gaudet appeared for Brown University for the property located at 94 Waterman Street in Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant's requested relief, outlined in the 1-13-14 plan of action provided by the Applicant's architect, Hughes Associates, Inc. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130075A: Mr. Jerry Delsignore appeared for the Wheeler School for the property located at 224-228 Angell Street in Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Scott Derry and Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant's requested relief as outlined in the February 18, 2014 letter provided by Hughes Associates, Inc., subject to verification within seven (7) calendar days of the existing fire alarm system by Marshal Dillon. This file will remain open for the duration of the construction project. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140028: Mr. Eric Army appeared for the property located at 100 Weybosset Street/92 Dorrance Street/98 Dorrance Street in Providence. Appearing for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office were Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Silva, Lutz, Krasnowiecki and Dillon. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to deny the Applicant's request for an exemption to the requirement of a two-person uniformed firefighter detail whenever the basement assembly occupancy is occupied, as deemed necessary by the Chief of the Providence Fire Department.

It is the understanding of the Board that as soon as the cited smoke curtains have been verified as properly installed by the Providence Fire Department that the uniformed firefighter detail will be reduced to one-person detail.

Respectfully submitted

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Deputy Director**