

The Joint Committee for the Rhode Island Rehabilitation Building and Fire Code for Existing Buildings and Structures met in the conference room at 272 West Exchange Street, Suite 301, Providence, RI on Thursday March 24, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM.

Present at the meeting were Acting Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Newbrook, Gagnon, Burlingame, Preiss, and Turner. Also in attendance were Executive Secretary Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following appeal was heard:

APPEAL #R040008: Mr. Steven Durkee and Mr. Gerald Ehrlica appeared for the property located at 239 Westminster Street (Peerless Building), Providence. Deputy George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Department and Peter Casale and Carlo Testa appeared for the Providence Department of Inspections and Standards. Deputy George Calise outlined seven (7) issues in a letter dated March 21, 2005. Mr. Durkee also requested a variance to allow the Providence Fire Marshal's office to grant the authority to approve a temporary certificate of occupancy. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion seconded by Commissioner Turner to grant the Applicant the requested relief and determined that any correction of deficiencies should be made at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed with

Commissioner Gagnon abstaining from the vote.

Respectfully submitted

Desiree Campanini