

# THE BORA QUARTERLY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## WELCOME BACK!

We are already halfway through 2023! The Building Safety Inspection Program kicks off a new cycle this summer, so expect to hear from our agency during the upcoming quarter.

Connect with our agency to stay informed.



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**STAY INFORMED**

The BORA Quarterly was introduced in June 2018 as a way for our agency to keep members of the public informed about what our agency is doing to contribute to positive and effective change throughout Broward County.

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**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!**

 [@BrowardBORA](#)

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**AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Both the [Board Meeting Agendas](#) and [Committee Meeting Agendas](#) are available on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals website.

**BROWARD COUNTY AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Amendments to the [Florida Building Code](#) and the [Florida Fire Prevention Code](#) are available on MuniCode.

**INTERESTED IN EARNING MORE CONTACT HOURS?**

- 28 hours of training are required during the 2-year building certification cycle.
- 60 hours of training are required during the 4-year fire certification cycle.
- By attending Broward BORA's board meetings and/or committee meetings, 1 hour of the required credit will be earned.
- By attending professional association meetings approved by the BORA Staff (i.e. FGAMI, IAEI, COEA), ½ hour of the required credit will be earned for each meeting attended.

A maximum of 14 total contact hours through board and/or committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE 8, 2023

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Board Meeting  
 7:00 PM  
 Meeting Information → [Board Meeting Agenda](#)

## JUNE 15, 2023

Roofing Committee Meeting  
 2:00 PM  
 Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

## JUNE 14, 2023

Broward BORA – Open Discussion Meeting  
 9:00 AM  
 Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

## JUNE 20, 22, 27, 29, 2023

Masonry Construction & Inspection Certification Workshop  
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 Course Information → [Broward BORA](#)

## JUNE 15, 2023

Fire Code Committee Meeting  
 10:00 AM  
 Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

## JUNE 21, 2023

Energy Conservation Committee Meeting  
 1:30 PM  
 Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)



# BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit [broward.org/CodeAppeals](http://broward.org/CodeAppeals) for the complete list of county and municipal job postings.

### MIRAMAR

- Building Inspector – Structural
- Chief Code Compliance Officer
- Plumber

### OAKLAND PARK

- Building Inspector (Structural)
- Chief Inspector (Structural)
- Plans Examiner/Inspector II (Part-Time)
- Plans Examiner/Inspector (Structural)

### PLANTATION

- Inspector I – Electrical
- Inspector I – Structural

### POMPANO BEACH

- Building Field Inspector (Structural)
- Building Field Inspector I (Electrical)
- Fire Inspector

If your municipality would like our agency to post a job announcement on our website, please send an email to [rulesboard@broward.org](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org).

## FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE AMENDMENTS

At the March Board meeting, the Board approved [amendments](#) to Section F-116.3.1. The Board of Rules and Appeals – Fire Code Committee voted to approve the modification to Section F-116.3.1 “Exception.” This modification would allow Airport Fixed Base Operations to be exempt from the provisions found in F-116.3.1 if they meet the requirements of NFPA 30, have the support of the Airport Authority and the acceptance after a review by the Fire Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

- **Proposed Section F-103.3.7 Certification of an Assistant Fire Marshal**

The next Fire Committee Meeting will be held on [June 15, 2023](#). During the meeting, BORA staff will recommend a new code section, F-103.3.7, to the Fire Code Committee.

The Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County (FCABC) recommended the change because the association believes that this amendment would allow individuals who might be qualified to be Fire Marshal within a fire prevention bureau to have experience in assisting in managing the bureau, while the fire marshal is away or needs assistance in the everyday activities. The new code section could set up the requirements for becoming an assistant fire marshal if appointed by the Fire Chief. This code section is in line with what is currently being done on the building side as they have assistant building officials.



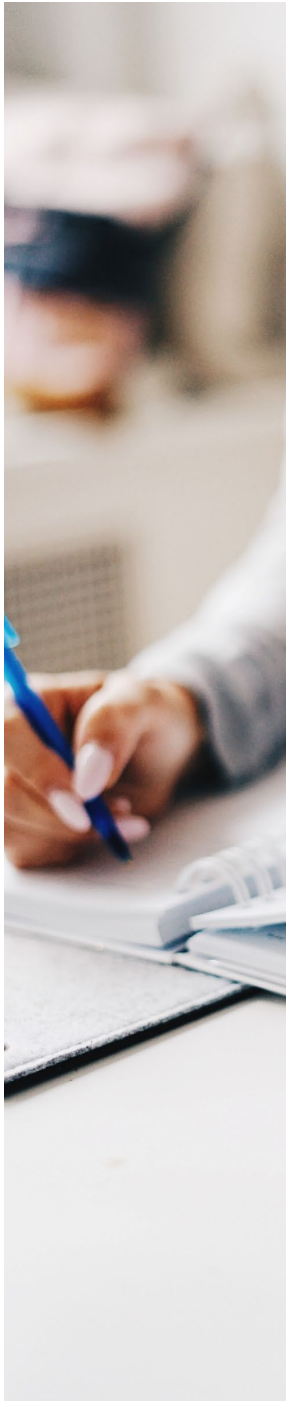
## 2023 MASONRY CONSTRUCTION & INSPECTION CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals provides a Masonry Construction & Inspector Certification Workshop to assist new code officials in obtaining their unit masonry certification at no cost per BCAP Section 104.16.3.5 and to be able to inspect unit masonry on group R3 occupancy.

- **BCAP 104.16.3.5.** Building Inspectors (structural) certified by BORA on or after July 1, 2020, shall be required to obtain a Reinforced Unit Masonry certification within two years from their initial BORA certification date.
- **BCAP 110.10.5.** The special building inspector shall be an Architect, Engineer or their duly authorized representative.
- **Exception 1:** Building Inspectors (structural) certified by BORA who have satisfactorily completed an approved masonry course may perform inspections of Reinforced Unit Masonry and any precast lintels incorporated into such masonry for Group R-3 Occupancy.

The workshop is offered annually and is required for all structural code officials certified by the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals.





## FLORIDA BUILDING CODE AMENDMENTS

At the May Board meeting, the Board approved [amendments](#) to the following:

- **Section 104.1.1, Appointment of Building Official, and Section 104.3, Appointment of Chief Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Structural Inspectors**

After receiving recommendations from the Ad Hoc Physical Presence Committee, the Board approved revisions to Chapter 1, 2020 Florida Building Code, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition; Section 104.1.1, Appointment of Building Official, and Section 104.3, Appointment of Chief Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Structural Inspectors. The revisions included eliminating the prescriptive requirement of physical presence during regular business hours at building departments and reinstating previously approved code language stating that the Building Officials and Chief Inspectors do not have to be personally present at the government department if they are available and able to perform their duties.

- **Section 110.15, Building Safety Inspection Program (Policy #05-05)**

The Ad Hoc Building Safety Inspection Program Committee recommended that the Board of Rules and Appeals approve revisions to Policy #05-05 and Section 110.15 “Building Safety Inspection Program” of the FBC 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020) Broward County Administrative Provisions, which incorporated Florida Statute 553.899 into the existing Building Safety Inspection Program.

The existing Policy #05-05 was modified and approved at the September 8, 2022, Board of Rules and Appeals meeting. The modifications to Policy #05-05 were a result of Senate Bill 4D, which required a structural building safety inspection program to be implemented throughout the State. Conflicts within the electrical guidelines of Policy #05-05 were resolved. After the first committee meeting, the group determined that additional structural members needed to be included in the committee meeting. The committee reviewed and revised the existing policy. The Board approved the modifications as written by Ad Hoc Building Safety Inspection Program Committee on May 11, 2023.

- **Board Policy #16-01**

The Board approved the revisions to Board Policy #16-01, Reduction of Paperwork for Building Officials and Chief Inspectors seeking to serve in multiple jurisdictions or moving from one jurisdiction to another, changing the deadline from April 1, 2023, to the next recertification for individuals holding certifications issued by BORA for the permanent position of Building Official or Chief Inspector in more than two (2) jurisdictions.

The recent changes to Board Policy #16-01 were prescribed by the Ad Hoc Physical Presence Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that individuals currently qualifying more than two (2) jurisdictions were required to obtain Board approval to maintain their status starting April 1, 2023.

## BROWARD COUNTY BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM 2023

The Board of Rules and Appeals will provide property lists for the [Building Safety Inspection Program](#) to the building departments throughout Broward County in the upcoming months. Please see the following documents:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Edition Florida Building Code (2020), Chapter 1 – [Section 110.15](#)
- Building Safety Inspection Program
  - [BORA Policy 05-05](#)
  - [Electrical](#) – Policy #05-05
  - [Structural](#) – Policy #05-05

For previous inspection records, please contact the [municipality](#) where your property is located.

The following buildings or structures are Exempt from this program:

- U.S. Government Buildings
- State of Florida Buildings
- Buildings built on Indian Reservations
- School buildings under the jurisdiction of the Broward County School Board
- One- and Two-Family Dwellings
- Fee Simple Townhouses as defined in the Florida Building Code
- Minor Structures (Minor Structures are defined as buildings or structures in any occupancy group having a gross floor area of less than three thousand five hundred (3,500) square feet.)



## BROWARD BORA OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING

The next [Broward BORA – Open Discussion Meeting](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, via Zoom.

The open discussion meeting is held for you to discuss any building or fire code topic, submit any written question in advance or provide comments/ideas that may come to mind. **No votes will be taken during this meeting.** To submit a question, comment, or idea before the meeting, please email [rulesboard@broward.org](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org).



## 2023 SOUTH FLORIDA BUILDING CODE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The [2023 South Florida Building Code Educational Conference](#) will continue to offer several courses throughout the summer. The upcoming conference is intended for floodplain managers, design professionals, contractors, and code professionals throughout the electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and structural disciplines.

The conference will offer the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours that are required to recertify with the Board of Rules and Appeals at the end of this two-year cycle. Credit will only be awarded to those who are present and signed into each lecture that they are seeking credit for.

Registration for the conference can be accessed [online](#). Please visit the Code Officials Educational Association [website](#) for additional information about the event.

## BOAF 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

The Building Official Association of Florida 2023 Annual Conference & Expo is scheduled for June 11-14, 2023, at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. Broward BORA's Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer, Timothy de Carion, will serve as the presenter for the following courses during the conference:

### Air Leakage and Ventilation

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 (10:15 AM – 11:15 AM)

BCAIB #: 5009212 / CILB #: 0614469

Provider #: 0001071

### Efficient Heated Water Supply Piping

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

BCAIB #: 5009206 / CILB #: 0614470

Provider #: 0001071

Registration for the conference can be accessed [online](#). Please visit the Building Official Association of Florida's [website](#) for additional information about the event.





## 2023 FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM REGISTRATION

The Broward County Fire Inspector Exam will be offered throughout the year on the following dates:

- **September 15, 2023**  
Requires three or more applications for the exam to be held.
- **November 17, 2023**  
Requires one application for the exam to be held.

To register for the exam, submit a completed [application](#) and policy statement by email to [Jonda Joseph](#) or to the Board of Rules and Appeals via mail (1 N. University Drive, Suite 3500B, Plantation, FL 33324).

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals will pay for first-time test takers. Test-takers must pay for retakes. A \$60.00 fee can be paid by money order before the exam **OR** by debit/credit card on the exam day.

Please remember that Broward BORA will, upon request, provide auxiliary aids and services leading to effective communication for people with disabilities, including qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, documents in Braille, and other ways of making communications accessible to people with speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

## 2023 EDITION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE, EIGHTH EDITION

The drafts for the 2023 Florida Building Code books, Eighth Edition, are available for review on the [ICC website](#). The following codebook drafts can be found:

- Accessibility
- Existing Building
- Fuel Gas
- Mechanical
- Plumbing
- Residential
- Test Protocols for High-Velocity Hurricane Zones

For more questions about the Florida Building Code, please contact a [Broward BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#).





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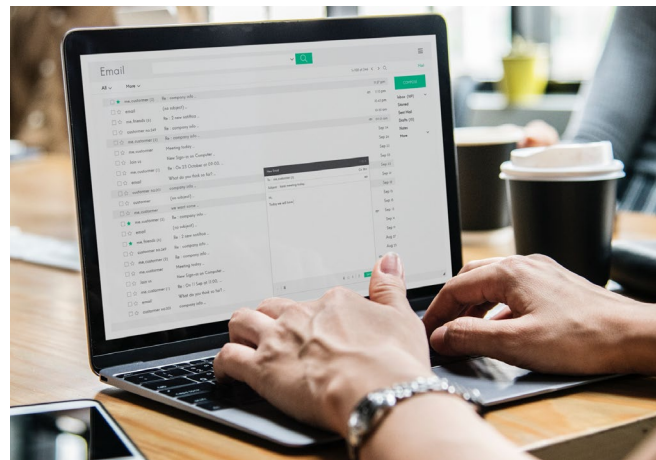
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Mechanical Engineer

## MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is made up of amazing people who volunteer their valuable time and service without compensation. Our Board members are appointed by the Broward County League of Cities and the Broward County Commission.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

If you would like to contact a Board member, send an email to [rulesboard@broward.org](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org) and leave your questions and/or comments. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.



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### Broward County Code of Ordinances, ARTICLE IX. - BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, Section 9.02

“Building Code and the Board of Rules and Appeals” mandates that BORA members shall be appointed as follows:

- Seven (7) members and six (6) alternates shall be appointed by the Broward County League of Cities.
- Six (6) members and three (3) alternates shall be appointed by the County Commission.