

THE BORA QUARTERLY

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

HELLO THERE ...

We hope that you had a successful and productive second quarter. During the summer, our agency will work with municipalities on the new cycle of the Building Safety Inspection Program and continue to provide continuing education opportunities.

Make sure that you stay connected with us 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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AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

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.

BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY

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Ruth Boselli x9689

Communications and Marketing Specialist

Brianna Curry x9685

Board Clerk

Jonda Joseph x9691

Payroll and Accounts Receivables Specialist

Maria "Pat" Kong x9683

Operations Manager

Natasha Strong x9681

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

Chief Electrical Code Compliance Officer

Kenneth Castronovo x9688

Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer

Timothy de Carion x9682

Chief Plumbing Code Compliance Officer

Jose Cruz-Vellon..... x9694

Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

Michael Guerasio x9686

Chief Structural Code Compliance Officer

John "Jack" Morell x9687

Chief Fire Code Compliance Officer

Bryan Parks x9684

Chief Mechanical Code Compliance Officer

Rolando Soto, P.E. x9693

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), 1/2 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 13, 2024

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

JULY 17, 2024

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals Open Discussion Meeting
 9:00 AM
 Meeting Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

JUNE 26, 2024

2024 Building Safety Inspection Program – Building Officials Informational Meeting
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Meeting Information → [Brianna Curry](#)

JULY 17, 2024

Florida Lighting Protection System Requirements and Surge Arrestors
 1:00 PM
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

JULY 11, 2024

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

AUGUST 21, 2024

Marinas and Boatyards
 1:00 PM
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)



BUILDING CODE JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit the [Broward BORA website](#) for a complete list of building code job announcements. If your municipality would like to have a job announcement posted on our website, please send an email to rulesboard@broward.org.

CORAL SPRINGS

- Structural Inspector I

FORT LAUDERDALE

- Electrical Inspector
- Floodplain Development
- Review Specialist or Trainee

OAKLAND PARK

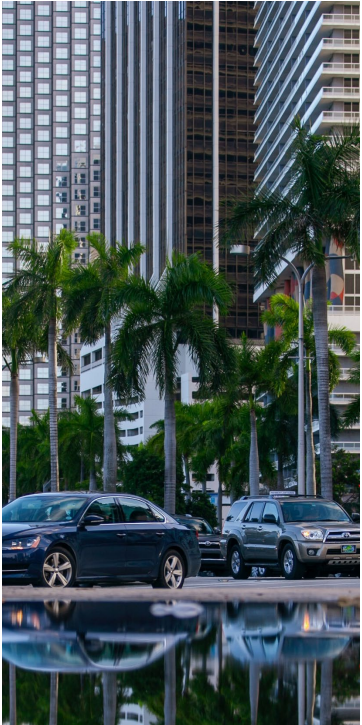
- Building Inspector (Structural)
- Structural Chief Inspector
- Plans Examiner/Inspector II (Part-Time)

PLANTATION

- Structural Inspector I
- Structural Inspector II

SUNRISE

- Structural Building Inspector
- Plumbing Plans Examiner
- Structural Plans Examiner



2024 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Board of Rules and Appeals provided property lists for the [Building Safety Inspection Program](#) to Building Departments throughout Broward County. Pertinent information regarding the BSIP Program are listed below:

- 7th Edition Florida Building Code (2020), Chapter 1 – **Section 11.15**
- Building Safety Inspection Program
 - [Electrical](#) – Policy #05-05
 - [Structural](#) – Policy #05-05

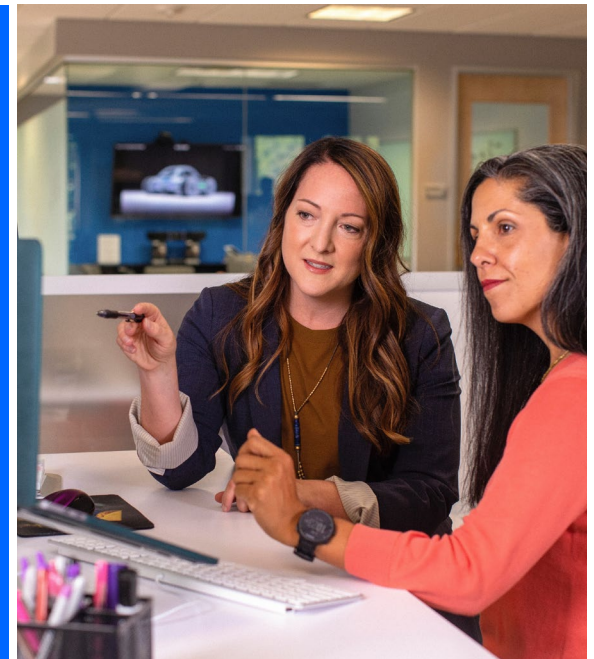
If you did not receive a notification and your property is 25 years or older, contact the building department in the municipality where your property is located. **Whether the municipality contacts you or not, you will still be held accountable for completing the inspection.**

For previous inspection records, please contact the [municipality](#) where your property is located. For structural questions, contact [Jack Morell](#) or [Michael Guerasio](#). For electrical questions, contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#).

The following buildings or structures are Exempt from this program:

- US Government Buildings
- State of Florida Buildings
- Buildings built on sovereign tribal lands
- 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, 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
- Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the railroad

All buildings or structures that performed a building safety inspection under the prior program (40-Year Building Safety Inspection Program) are deemed compliant with F.S.553.899. These properties now require subsequent building safety inspections at ten-year intervals from the year the initial inspection was required.



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Twenty-eight educational hours must be completed by the end of the 2024-2025 building certification cycle, and at least half of the requirement must be discipline-specific courses. Visit the [Broward BORA Website](#) or contact a [BORA Chief Code Compliance Officer](#) to keep up with the upcoming courses being offered.

2024 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 to you per BCAP Section 104.16.3.5 and to be able to inspect unit masonry on group R3 occupancy. New building code officials must complete this certification within two years of being BORA-Certified.

- **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.** Special Building Inspector shall be an Architect or 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.

For more information, please refer to the attachments or contact [Michael Guerasio](#).



BOAF ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

The 72nd Building Official Association of Florida (BOAF) Annual Educational & Trade Expo will be held from June 9-13, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. The conference will feature several organizations, county building departments, private providers, government agencies, and commercial vendors.

Registration for the upcoming conference is available [online](#). For additional information about the event, please visit the BOAF [Website](#) or contact [Celeste Roman](#).



UPDATED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 95-01 POLICIES

At the [March Board meeting](#), the Board adopted a revised Administrative [Policy 95-01](#), Appeal Application and Process.

Policy 95-01 was created in January 1995 after the Court of Appeals heard a case on a previous Board ruling. The judge upheld the City after the Board ruled in favor of the appellant. The City maintained that it had not been given proper notice when the Board was to hear the appeal since the governing body did not receive notice that the appeal would be heard. There have been many iterations and updates to Policy 95-01, and there is no longer any question over who has jurisdiction regarding the decision regulated by the Florida Building Code.

The BORA staff recommended the revision to streamline and update BORA’s Administrative Policies with current and acceptable language, the first Administrative Policy to be revamped is Policy 95-01. The format and order of the policy were also updated to clarify the appeals process and the internal process of handling appeals. In addition, words such as fax, Board Technician, and his/hers were removed.

HVHZ EXAM SPONSORSHIP

Broward BORA sponsors the first-time exam of the High-Velocity Hurricane Zones (HVHZ). HVHZ Exam Applications are available on the Broward BORA website. There are three exams to choose from:

- [Building Code Official](#)
- [Building Code Official \(Broward Competency\)](#)
- [Plans Examiners & Field Inspectors](#)

The summary of each exam can be found on page one of each application.

Once completed, please email to [Brianna Curry](#). It will then be forwarded to BORA’s Director and the testing vendor, Gainesville Independent Testing Services (GITS). Applicants will be contacted by GITS directly with the specific information for the testing date/room numbers.



BROWARD BORA BOOK LOAN PROGRAM

The Broward BORA Book Loan Program is available to municipal code officials. There are books available for studying for the following state license exams:

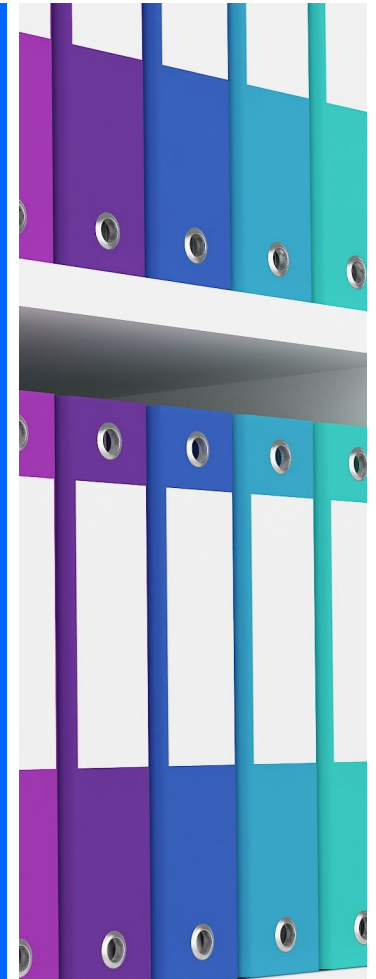
- Commercial Building Inspector
- Commercial Electrical Inspector
- Commercial Mechanical Inspector
- Commercial Plumbing Inspector
- Florida Roofing Inspector
- Building Plans Examiner
- Electrical Plans Examiner
- Mechanical Plans Examiner
- Plumbing Plans Examiner
- Building Code Administrator

Please follow the instructions below to acquire a book loan:

- Submit a completed [Application](#), with the Building Official's signature, by email to [Brianna Curry](#).
- The six-month loan period starts when the books are picked up from the Broward BORA office.
 - **Note:** Individuals can return borrowed books by the end of the six-month loan period or utilize the one-time 3-month extension.

Remember, the books are loaned to other code officials after they are returned. Please show consideration by not writing/highlighting in the books and returning materials on time.

For any questions or concerns you may have regarding the book loan program, please contact 954-765-4500 or rulesboard@broward.org.



UPCOMING BROWARD BORA OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING

The next [Broward BORA Open Discussion Meeting](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 17, 2024**, via Zoom.

The open discussion meeting is held for you to be able to discuss any building or fire code topic, submit any written questions 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.

VOTING MEMBERS

Gregg D’Attile – Chair
Air Conditioning Contractor

Ron Burr – Vice Chair
Swimming Pool Contractor

Stephen E. Bailey, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

John Famularo
Roofing Contractor

Shalanda Giles Nelson
General Contractor

Robert A. Kamm, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

**Daniel Lavrich, P.E., S.I.,
F.ASCE, F.SEI**
Structural Engineer

Sergio Pellecer
Fire Service Professional

Daniel Rourke
Master Plumber

John Sims
Master Electrician

Dennis A. Ulmer
Consumer Advocate

Lynn Wolfson
Representative of Disabled
Community

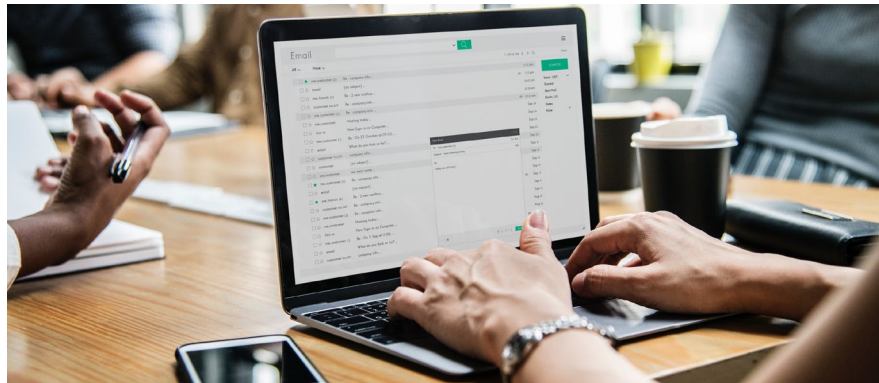
Abbas H. Zackria, CSI
Architect

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 and leave your questions and/or comments. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member.



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.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Eduard C. Badiu, PhD, P.E.
Roofing Contractor

Jeff Falkanger
Architect

Steven Feller, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer

Alberto Fernandez
General Contractor

David Rice, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Robert Taylor
Fire Service Professional

James Terry
Master Plumber

David Tringo
Master Electrician

Derrick Wassink, P.E.
Structural Engineer