

# THE BORA QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

## HELLO THERE ...

Hoping that everyone had a wonderful summer. The upcoming quarter will be filled with additional continuing education opportunities for the ongoing advancement of BORA-Certified Code Officials.

Make sure that you stay connected with us to stay informed.



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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

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**Communications and Marketing Specialist**

Brianna Curry ..... x9685

**Board Clerk**

Jonda Joseph ..... x9691

**Payroll and Accounts Receivables Specialist**

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**Operations Manager**

Natasha Strong ..... x9681

**STAY INFORMED**

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

**Subscribe** to The BORA Quarterly and stay informed!

**CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!**



**BORA 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.

**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 and 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 Committee meetings can be earned per certification cycle.**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

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

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

**Broward County Fire Inspector Exam**  
 9:00 AM  
 Registration → [Application](#)  
 Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

**Broward BORA 2024 Accessibility Training**  
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Registration → [Application](#)

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

**BORA-IAEI: Grounding and Bonding**  
 1:00 PM  
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

**SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2024**

**FAPGMI 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Seminar and Trade Show**  
 Registration → [Application](#)  
 Additional Information → [59<sup>th</sup> FAPGMI Seminar](#)

**OCTOBER 3, 2024**

**2024 NFPA 13D Residential Sprinkler Systems**  
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 Registration → [Application](#)

**OCTOBER 16, 2024**

**Broward BORA Open Discussion Meeting**  
 9:00 PM  
 Additional Information → [Sunshine Advertisement](#)

**OCTOBER 16, 2024**

**Lighting Controls**  
 1:00 PM  
 Additional Information → [Electrical Seminars](#)

**NOVEMBER 8, 2024**

**Broward County Fire Inspector Exam**  
 9:00 AM  
 Registration → [Application](#)  
 Additional Information → [Open Book Guide](#)



# 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](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org).

**DAVIE**

- Assistant Building Official
- Structural Inspector

**MARGATE**

- Structural Plans Examiner/Inspector

**MIRAMAR**

- Electrician III

**PLANTATION**

- Inspector I – Structural
- Inspector I – Electrical
- Inspector II – Structural

**POMPANO BEACH**

- Fire Inspector



## 2024 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

During the summer months, municipal building departments throughout Broward County began sending notifications to property owners whose buildings are subject to the [Building Safety Inspection Program](#), beginning the process of having the property inspection completed by a Florida-licensed professional.

**Please be advised that the Building Safety Inspection Program does not require the building to be brought up to the current code.**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Florida Building Code (2023), Chapter 1 – [Section 110.15](#)
- Building Safety Inspection Program
  - [BORA Policy 05-05](#)
  - [General Considerations & Guidelines](#) (Policy 05-05)
  - [Electrical](#) – Policy 05-05
  - [Structural](#) – Policy 05-05

If you did not receive a notification and your property is 25 years or older, don't hesitate to 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](#).

## BORA POLICY 05-05 UPDATES

On [August 8, 2024](#), the Board of Rules and Appeals adopted the revised Board Policy 05-05, Broward County Building Safety Inspection Program. The Building Safety Inspection Program was revised to be consistent with the requirements of Florida law and Chapter 18 of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building.

The updated [Board Policy 05-05](#) and [General Considerations & Guidelines](#) are available on the Broward BORA website.



## BROWARD BORA ACCESSIBILITY TRAINING

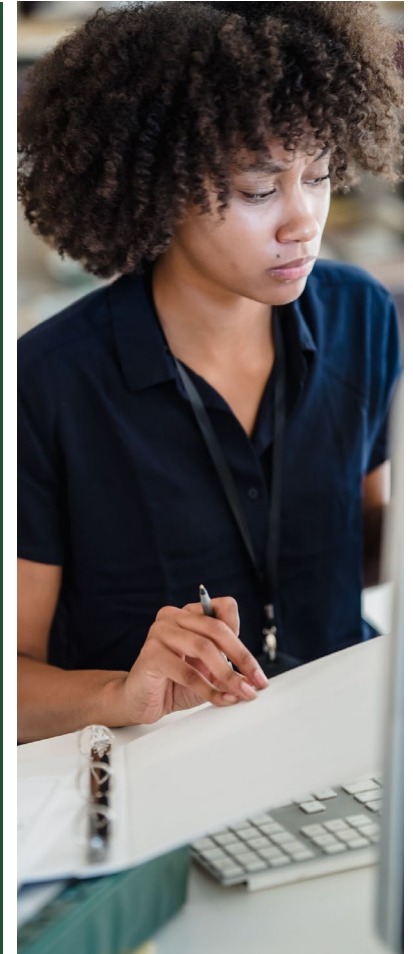
The Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals is offering Accessibility Training. The courses will be offered in two sessions to allow departments the opportunity to divide staff and maintain department coverage.

This 6-hour course is State-approved for CILB. The following courses are being offered during this training:

- 101 Refresher of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design
- Commonly Missed Requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design
- Interactive Session & Videos - Exhibiting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design & Florida Accessibility Code (FAC)
- The Future of ADA - What May Be Coming for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design
- Special Needs for Special Events - Considerations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design
- Accessibility Alternatives - Built into the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards & Florida Accessibility Code (FAC)

Please send your completed application to [bcurry@broward.org](mailto:bcurry@broward.org). Applications for the September session must be submitted by Monday, September 9, 2024.

For additional questions, please contact Jack Morell via email at [jmorell@broward.org](mailto:jmorell@broward.org) or by phone at 954-357-9687.



## BROWARD BORA OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING

The next [Broward BORA Open Discussion Meeting](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**, via Zoom.

The open discussion meeting is for you 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](mailto:rulesboard@broward.org).



## 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAPGMI EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR AND TRADE SHOW

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Association of Plumbing-Gas-Mechanical Inspectors, Inc. (FAPGMI) Educational Seminar and Trade Show will be held from September 23-25, 2024. The event will feature several organizations and vendors.

Registration for the upcoming FAPGMI seminar is available [online](#). For additional information about the event, please visit the [BOAF website](#) or contact the [FAPGMI Association](#).

## STATE UPDATES FOR CHAPTER 1 (SECTION 18)

Chapter 18 was added to the 2023 FBC - Existing Building and Other Glitches. The new code language is based on the 2024 Legislature Session (HB 267, HB 535, HB 1021, and SB 1526) and the proposed Chapter 18, Minimum Requirements for the Mandatory Milestone Inspection, of the 2023 FBC - Existing Building and Other Glitches.

## BORA COOL ROOFS TRAINING

Timothy G. de Carion, Broward BORA Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer, will provide training on the new code section, C303.1.5 Roof Solar Reflectance and Solar Emittance, for structural inspectors, plans examiners, and chiefs.

If you would like to request that Mr. de Carion visit your department to provide Cool Roofs Training, please submit an [application](#) to [bcurry@broward.org](mailto:bcurry@broward.org).



## 2024 BROWARD/PALM BEACH PLUMBING & MECHANICAL TRADE SHOW & EXPO

The [2024 Broward/Palm Beach Plumbing & Mechanical Trade Show & Expo](#) will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Palm Beach County Convention Center.

Admission to the trade show and expo is free. Manufacturers and organizations, including Broward BORA, will be in attendance. This will be an opportunity to meet industry leaders, watch demonstrations, and learn about products and services. For more information about this event, please contact [Gloria Salazar](#).

## 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

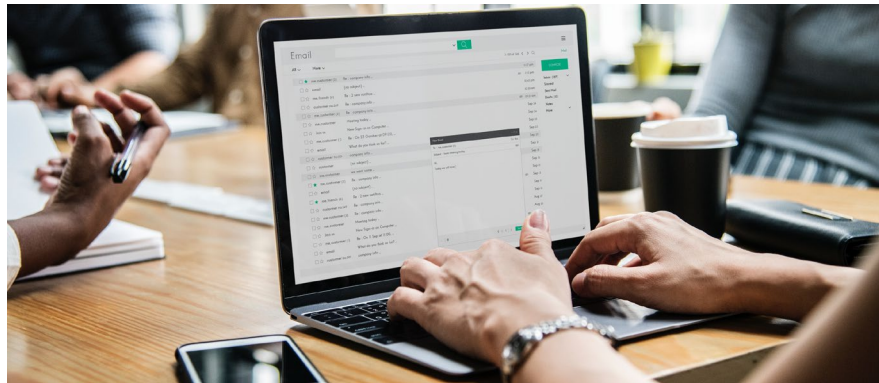
**Abbas H. Zackria, CSI**  
Architect

## 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](mailto: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