

THE BORA QUARTERLY

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

SEASONS GREETINGS

Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and all the best as your Departments transition into 2025.

We are so grateful for everyone we have had the pleasure of working with throughout 2024!

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 inform members of the public about our efforts to contribute to positive and effective change throughout Broward County.

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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.

BROWARD BORA STAFF DIRECTORY

Administrative Director

Ana Barbosa, DBA x9692

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

Chief Electrical Code Compliance Officer

Kenneth Castronovo x9688

Chief Plumbing Code Compliance Officer

Jose Cruz-Vellon..... x9694

Chief Energy Code Compliance Officer

Timothy de Carion x9682

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

HR and Accounts Payables Specialist

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

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. FAPGMI, 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

JANUARY 9, 2025

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

JANUARY 15, 2024

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

JANUARY 15, 2025

IAEI Tropical Acres Officer Installation Training
 1:00 PM
 Additional Information → TBD

JANUARY 17, 2025

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

JANUARY 22, 2025

NEC References for Mechanical Inspectors
 1:00 PM
 Registration → [Application](#)

JANUARY 29, 2025

Webinar: NEC References for Mechanical Inspectors
 1:00 PM
 Registration → [Application](#)

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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

MARCH 13, 2025

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

MARCH 14, 2025

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.

BROWARD COUNTY

- Building Code Inspector (Structural)
- Building Code Inspector Trainee (Plumbing)
- Code Enforcement Inspector
- Program/Project Coordinator (Code Enforcement)

DAVIE

- Assistant Building Official
- Chief Structural Inspector
- Structural Inspector

FORT LAUDERDALE

- Building Inspector
- Project Manager II (Civil Engineer)
- Senior Mechanical Inspector

PLANTATION

- Inspector I – Structural
- Inspector II – Structural



UPDATE TO POLICY #05-05, BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

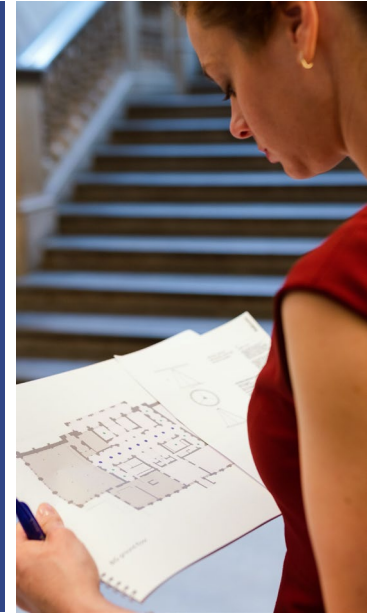
The Board [adopted](#) the revised Board Policy 05-05, Broward County Building Safety Inspection Program. The [Policy](#) was revised to be consistent with the requirements of Florida law and Chapter 18 of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building. The Broward BORA Building Safety Inspection covers the State’s requirement of Phase 1 and Phase 2 milestone inspection in Chapter 18.

2024 BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM REMINDER

Municipal building departments throughout Broward County sent 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.

If you do 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. **You will still be held accountable for completing the inspection whether the municipality contacts you or not.** For structural questions, contact [Jack Morell](#) or [Michael Guerasio](#). For electrical questions, contact [Kenneth Castronovo](#). For previous inspection records, please contact the [Municipality](#) where your property is located.



TRANSITIONING TO A2L REFRIGERANTS

Manufacturers of refrigeration, air-conditioning equipment systems, etc., are transitioning to A2L refrigerants. New systems with a GWP above 700 (R-410a, etc.) can be installed until January 1, 2026, as long as all components are manufactured or imported before January 1, 2025. Please refer to the Interim Final Rule for additional details:

- [EPA Regulatory Actions for Technology Transitions](#)
- [EPA Technology Transitions Program](#)

The Florida Building Commission issued [DS-2024-024](#) regarding the use of A2L refrigerants. On [December 10, 2024](#), the Commission updated the 2023 FMC Reference to the ASHRAE 15-2022 standard.

UPDATES TO BROWARD BORA'S CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

BORA's staff [recommended](#) to the Board to convene BORA's Certification Committee to review and discuss possible changes to Broward County Administrative Amendments to Chapter 1, Sections 104.12.3 Certification of the Electrical Inspector, 104.13.3 Certification of the Mechanical Inspector and 104.14.3 Certification of the Plumbing Inspector.

The purpose of reconvening the committee will be to facilitate the recruitment and hiring of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing inspectors, and for consistency with the structural inspector certification requirements. The Certification Committee will be able to review possible changes to Broward County Administrative Amendments to Chapter 1.

For more information about the upcoming BORA Certification Committee meetings, please refer to the [Broward County Meeting Notice Directory](#) or contact the Broward BORA office.



2025 BROWARD COUNTY FIRE INSPECTOR EXAM REGISTRATION

The [2025 dates](#) are available for the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam. To qualify for the exam, submit the completed, signed [application](#) and policy statement by mail to the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals or email to [Jonda Joseph](#). Broward BORA will pay for first-time test takers to take the exam. A \$60.00 fee will be required to retake the exam by the test taker.

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



BORA LONG-TERM SERVICE RECOGNITION

Broward County honors Ruth Boselli and Kenneth Castronovo for their long-term service to BORA, the County, and its citizens. Ruth celebrates 20 years of service, and Ken celebrates 10 years. Congratulations to them both!!

Ruth Boselli is also retiring after serving for 20 years! She has been an integral part of carrying forth BORA's mission. Our staff will miss her, and we wish her a wonderful retirement. [Send](#) your well wishes to Ruth before she retires in January 2025.



BROWARD BORA EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NEW FIRE INSPECTORS

It has been noted that several individuals who are not employed in Broward County register for the Board Fire Inspectors Exam in hopes of being hired by a fire department.

Beginning in January 2025, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) will implement a new program to assist fire departments in finding new fire inspectors. Individuals who passed the Broward County Fire Inspector Exam will be able to request that their contact information be posted on the Broward BORA website.

If they opt to have their information posted, their name, email, phone numbers, and current certifications will be included and available for the public to view. Their contact information will be listed on the BORA website for one year.

For additional information, please contact [Bryan Parks](#).

BROWARD BORA OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING

The next [Broward BORA Open Discussion Meeting](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**, 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.



2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Rules and Appeals' [2025 Board Meeting Calendar](#) is available on the Broward BORA website. Please refer to the Board meeting schedule for deadlines regarding Building and Fire Code appeals.

Submit a [request](#) to Broward BORA to receive Board meeting agenda notifications.



VOTING MEMBERS

Gregg D’Attile – Chair
Air Conditioning Contractor

Ron Burr – Vice Chair
Swimming Pool Contractor

Stephen E. Bailey, P.E.
Electrical Engineer

Pete Deveaugh
Master Electrician

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

Dennis A. Ulmer
Consumer Advocate

Lynn Wolfson
Representative of Disabled
Community

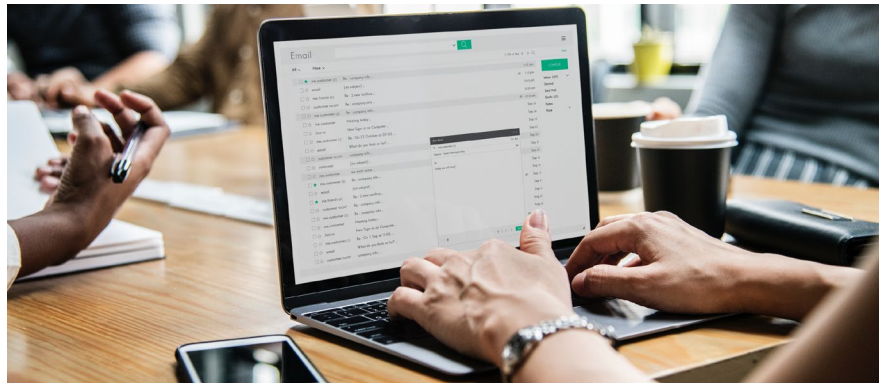
Abbas H. Zackria, CSI
Architect

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

Derek Wassink, P.E.
Structural Engineer