



**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals  
Approved Minutes**

**Board Meeting  
March 27, 2024**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals met in a Regular Meeting on March 27, 2024

Board Member, Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ben Abzug, Ron Buys, Aubrey Brasfield, Allison Satt, Oren Mitzer, Jim Rumbo and Allan Schumann

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Gary Wilks and Ashley Juraska

**Staff in Attendance:** Rick Arzola (DSD), Todd Wilcox (DSD), Shirley Ellis(DSD)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. The minutes from the **February 21, 2024**, Special called meeting were approved as written. Board member Abzug made a motion to accept the minutes as written, board member Buys second the motion. Motion pass 7-0. Board member Wilks and Juraska were absent.

**DISCUSSION and ACTION:**

2. **Recommendation for Code Amendment for Bedroom Requirement-** Development Services Department Building Official Todd Wilcox provided and presented a power point to board members in lieu of an Austin City Council resolution that initiated a code amendment to require access to natural light for all sleeping rooms in buildings. This resolution was initiated by Council member Zo Quadri's office where concerns were shared from University of Texas student housing that having bedroom less windows could lead to concerns for human health in physical health, sleep, depression, lack of productivity and mortality rates. After the presentation was concluded and very few comments from board members, a recommendation was made to approve the code amendment change, which if approved the bedroom window amendments will go into effect on May 1, 2024, and will be carried over the 2024 Code which is anticipated to go into effect in 2025. Board member Satt made a motion to approve the recommendation, Board member Schumann seconded. Motion passed 7-0. Board member Wilks and Juraska were absent.
- 3 **FUTURE AGEND ITEMS:**
  1. Code Amendments to be determined.
- 4 **ADJOURN** – Board member Brasfield a made a motion to adjourn the meeting, board member Schumann second the motion to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. Board member Wilks and Juraska were absent for this meeting.

The minutes were approved at the May 22, 2024 meeting on board member Abzug motion, board member Schumann second the motion on a 7-0 vote. Board member Wilkes and Juraska were absent.