

***BIC Meeting of  
August 15, 2012***

***Agenda Item #5***

# Access Appeals Commission

## Purpose

To serve the City and County of San Francisco and the general public by hearing written appeals brought by any person regarding actions taken by the Department of Building Inspection in the enforcement of the requirements for Access to Public Accommodations by Physically Handicapped Persons (Part 5.5, Sections 19955-59 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California), as well as action taken by the Department in the enforcement of the disabled access and adaptability provisions of this code. San Francisco Building Code Section 105.3.

## Mission Statement

The Access Appeals Commission (AAC), consisting of five members, conducts hearings to approve or disapprove the Department's interpretations of applicable disability access regulations and actions taken by the Department to enforce said regulations and abate violations. It shall establish reasonable rules and regulations for its own procedures, choose its officers, conduct public meetings, designate an official reporter, and make decisions and recommendations by resolution.

## The Access Appeals Commission

The AAC consists of five commissioners: two from the disabled community, two experienced in the construction industry, and one public member. The commissioners are appointed by the Building Inspection Commission and serve at its pleasure. The Commission consists of:

Alyce Brown	Disability Seat	Seat Expires 11/01/13
Walter Park	Disability Seat	Seat Expires 11/01/13
Arnie Lerner	Construction Seat	Seat Expires 11/01/14
William Ellsworth	Construction Seat	Seat Expires 11/01/14
Ron Vernali	Public Member Seat	Seat Expires 11/01/13

For more information please contact:

Mr. Tom Fessler, Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission:

Access Appeals Commission, Department of Building Inspection  
1660 Mission Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414  
(415) 575-6923

**Harris, Sonya**

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**From:** Fessler, Thomas  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2012 7:27 AM  
**To:** Harris, Sonya  
**Subject:** RE: BIC Update on Sub-Committees (REMINDER)  
**Attachments:** attendance 01-25-2012.doc; attendance 03-28-2012.doc; attendance 07-25-2012.doc

Hi Sonya,

Attached are the attendance reports for the Access Appeals Commission. The commission is about to hold hearings regarding the possible code requirements for touch screen elevator controls. As always the commission is prepared to hear appeals involving disabled access.

Hope this is what you need. Thanks Tom



## ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION Attendance Sheet

### REGULAR MEETING:

January 25, 2012

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Walter Park	X	
Alyce G. Brown	X	
Arnold Lerner	X	
William Ellsworth	X	
Ronald Vernali		X

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Tom Fessler, Building Inspector  
Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission

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Date

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**ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION**  
**Attendance Sheet**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

March 28, 2012

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Walter Park	X	
Alyce G. Brown	X	
Arnold Lerner	X	
William Ellsworth	X	
Ronald Vernali		X

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Tom Fessler, Building Inspector  
Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission

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## ACCESS APPEALS COMMISSION Attendance Sheet

### REGULAR MEETING:

July 25, 2012

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Walter Park	X	
Alyce G. Brown	X	
Arnold Lerner	X	
William Ellsworth	X	
Ronald Vernali	X	

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Tom Fessler, Building Inspector  
Secretary to the Access Appeals Commission

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# Board of Examiners

## Mission Statement

The Board of Examiners is a group of experts created under Section 105.1 of the San Francisco Building Code. The purpose of the Board is to hear and determine the requests by the public as to whether new materials, new methods or types of construction comply with the standards of safety established by the San Francisco Construction Codes which include San Francisco Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code and Mechanical Code. The Board also has the power to determine reasonable interpretation of the provisions of the San Francisco Building Code, and to hear the appeals from the Director's condemnation order involving construction methods, assemblies or materials or where safety is involved.

## The Board Members

The Board is composed of 10 members appointed by the Building Inspection Commission and two ex-officio members. Currently, the Board Members consists of the following:

Mel Cammisa	Registered Electrical Engineer Seat
Dick Glumac	Registered Mechanical Engineer Seat
Patrick Buscovich	Registered Structural Engineer Seat
Jane Martin	Licensed Architect Seat
Armin Wolski	General Contractor Seat
Manuel Flores	Building Trade Seat
Kevin Mirkovich	Licensed Plumbing Contractor Seat
James Reed	Licensed Electrical Contractor Seat
Robert Fuller	Registered Fire Protection Engineer Seat
VACANT	Building Owner Representative Seat
Ex-officio	Director of DBI or his/her designee
Ex-officio	Chief of Fire Prevention Bureau SFFD

**All seats to expire September 15, 2013**

Members are paid \$125.00 per meeting.

## **How to Contact the BOE**

Hanson Tom, Principal Engineer, Secretary to the Board of Examiners, may be reached at:

Board of Examiners  
Department of Building Inspection  
1660 Mission Street, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103-2414  
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The Board of Examiners meets on an "as needed", but at least once a year in the second d floor conference room at 1660 Mission Street at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are chaired by the Board Chairperson. A special meeting may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Board Members in accordance with notice requirements.





Edwin M. Lee, Mayor  
 Vivian L. Day, C.B.O., Director

**SIGN IN SHEET**

TITLE: Board of Examiners

DATE: August 3, 2011

LOCATION: 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

Print Name	Signature	Representing	Phone Number	Email Address
Mel Cammisa	<i>Mel Cammisa</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Robert Fuller	<i>Robert Fuller</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Manuel Flores	<i>Manuel Flores</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Jason Langkammerer	<i>Jason Langkammerer</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Dick Glumac	<i>Dick Glumac</i>	BOE Commissioner		
James Reed	<i>James Reed</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Kevin Mirkovich	<i>Kevin Mirkovich</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Armin Wolski	<i>Armin Wolski</i>	BOE Commissioner		
Patrick Buscovich	<i>Patrick Buscovich</i>	BOE Commissioner		

## Harris, Sonya

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**From:** Thai, Sylvia  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2012 9:10 AM  
**To:** Harris, Sonya  
**Subject:** BOE Sign-In Sheet  
**Attachments:** 20120809090018686\_0001.pdf

Hi Sonya,

Attached is the last BOE meeting held on 8/3/2011, for 178 Townsend Street and 2235 Third Street. This is a corner building with two addresses. Thanks

Sylvia Thai  
558-6139

# Code Advisory Committee

## Mission Statement

To preserve and promote the Health, Safety and Welfare of the public through the regulation of the built environment with codes and standards that are clear, concise, consistent and enforceable, recognizing the unique characteristics of San Francisco, and striking a balance between scientific knowledge and real-world conditions.

## The Code Advisory Committee

The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of 17 members who are qualified by training and experience to deliberate and make recommendations on matters pertaining to the development and improvement of the content of the San Francisco Building Code, Mechanical Code, Electrical Code, Plumbing Code, and Housing Code as well as related rules and regulations or proposed ordinances that the Director or the Building Inspection Commission determines may have an impact on construction permits. Specific recommendations of this Committee are directed to the Building Inspection Commission for their further action.

These members are appointed by the Building Inspection Commission and comprise a cross-section of the construction industry by including a major-project architect, a small-project architect, a civil engineer, a structural engineer, a mechanical engineer or contractor, a fire protection engineer, an electrical engineer or contractor, a general contractor, a remodeling contractor, a residential contractor, a commercial property owner, member of the general business community, a person qualified in the area of historical preservation, a person knowledgeable about disability access regulations, and three members of the community-at-large.

## The Committee Members

Zachary Nathan	Small Projects Architect
Robert Wong	Mechanical Engineer/Contractor
Rene Vignos	Major Project Structural Engineer
Jerry Cunningham, P.E.	Fire Protection Engineer
Edgar Fennie	Major Projects Architect
Stephen Harris	Small Projects Civil Engineer

Frederic S. Freund	Commercial Property Owner/Manager
Shane O'Reilly	Residential Projects Contractor
Arnie Lerner, AIA	Historical Preservation Architect
Jim Reed	Electrical Contractor
Tony Sanchez-Corea, III	General Business Community
Kevin Wallace	Remodel Contractor
Ilene Dick	Member-At-Large
Lee Yvonne Phillips	Disability Access Advocate
Tony Lau	Major Projects Contractor
Ira Dorter	Member-At-Large
Marc Cunningham	Member-At-Large

**All Seats Expired August 18, 2013 (Terms for three years)**

### **How to Contact the CAC**

Kirk Means, Secretary to the Code Advisory Committee, may be reached at:

Department of Building Inspection  
Code Advisory Committee  
1660 Mission Street, 2nd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103-2414  
(415) 575-6832

### **Meetings**

The Code Advisory Committee meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 1650 Mission Street, Room 431. Each member of the full Committee also serves on a subcommittee, which meets at least once a month. These subcommittees are: Administrative & General Design Subcommittee, Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee, Structural Subcommittee, Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing Subcommittee, Housing Code Subcommittee, and Disability Access Subcommittee. The general public is invited to attend and speak at any of these meetings on topics of interest, which deal with construction permits and the building codes.

**CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**2012 Attendance Summary**  
(Six-Month Period, February to July 2012)

Member Name	FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE			JULY			YEAR TOTAL				
	PRE	EXC	ABS	PRE	EXC	ABS	PRE	EXC	ABS	PRE	EXC	ABS	PRE	EXC	ABS	PRE	EXC	ABS	PRE	EXC	ABS		
1 Edgar Fennie, Jr.			1				1					1						1			5	0	0
2 Frederic Freund			1					1													2	1	2
3 A.R. Sanchez-Corea III			1				1					1						1			5	0	0
4 Arnie Lerner			1				1					1						1			5	0	0
5 Shane O'Reilly					1		1					1						1			3	2	0
6 Ilene Dick						1	1							1							1	2	2
7 Ira Dorter							1					1						1			4	1	0
8 Jerry Cunningham							1					1									4	0	1
9 Jim Reed						1		1				1									3	1	1
10 Kevin Wallace						1			1			1						1			5	0	0
11 Lee Yvonne Phillips						1				1								1			2	0	3
12 Marc Cunningham						1						1						1			3	1	1
13 Tony Lau										1											0	0	5
14 Rene Vignos						1						1						1			4	1	0
15 Stephen Harris						1						1						1			5	0	0
16 Zachary Nathan						1						1						1			4	1	0
17 Robert Wong							1					1						1			4	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	Cancelled			<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>		

Note: Figures do not include subcommittee attendance

PRE - Present  
EXC - Excused  
ABS - Absent

## Harris, Sonya

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**From:** Means, Kirk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2012 4:45 PM  
**To:** Harris, Sonya  
**Cc:** JEF@FM-ARCH.COM  
**Subject:** CAC Attendance  
**Attachments:** CAC Attendance Sheet 2012 Feb to July to BIC.xlsx

Hi Sonya,

Attached is the CAC attendance record as requested for the BIC

Thanks

Kirk Means

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