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Thank you, Paul. Appreciate your input!

Thanks,  
Nancy



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Excellent question and this email is enough to have Erik place on the agenda.

This is similar to ISD (and others) asking for a Structural Engineer to stamp something even though a civil may be competent to do so.

I will say that a consumer (and a municipality ) can ask for whatever they want, for example a PM may be required to be an architect or a PE, owner discretion.

I look forward to the conversation.

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Good morning Paul and team.

I was wondering how we would go about potentially getting a meeting agenda topic added to the docket for the July Board meeting. I know there are certain requirements of notice and such, so if you can let me know if we could get the below topic added for July, I would appreciate it.

I spoke with a colleague who said, in recent weeks, both Boston ISD and a state inspector have reviewed fire protection documents for projects under their review that were stamped by a mechanical engineer. They returned their review stating that the fire protection plans needed to be stamped by a Licensed FPE. Based on the regulations regarding licensure and competency, it was not his understanding that you needed to hold an FPE license to stamp the FP drawings. (Based on 250 CMR 5, this is also my understanding.) I was asked if we could review the matter at our meeting to get an opinion from the board on how we view this issue.

(To share my opinion, the competency route has been how many FP and plumbing drawings have been handled right along, and this has never been an issue down at ISD or with the state that I have experienced. I know there are new faces down at ISD, which is where this may be stemming from. However, if the design is complete and being reviewed for a permit, and firms are now being told that they need an FPE stamp, does that run the risk of just getting an FPE to review and rubber stamp things to get it through the approvals? If this is truly how the AHJs want to proceed in only letting licensed FPEs stamp FP drawings, I think firms need to know that up front so they have the properly licensed staffing completing the designs from the start).

Please let me know if this is something you think the board can discuss at the July meeting and opine on. I would like to hear other opinions on the matter.

Thanks,

Nancy



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