

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIALS  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2009 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Douglas Haigh, Timothy Hiu, Brian Kajikawa, and Ralph Nagamine.

Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and Ronald Tanaka, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)

Public: Via teleconference, Kraig Stevenson, Beth Arnout, Richard Skaff, Ed Weil; Vernon Taa (Plumbers Union), Jean Tessmer

1. Timothy Hiu convened the meeting at 9:05a.m.
2. Minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting which had been recessed and reconvened on December 9, 2008 were reviewed and approved without amendment.
3. After reviewing the minutes, Ralph noted that the recommendation for Senate Bill 2458 was not made to the full council. Following discussion the committee members agreed to make the recommendation to the council to support this bill.
4. The public was then asked to introduce themselves.
5. The comment was then asked for on John Hartman's petition on accessibility dated December 31, 2008. Beth Arnout, Richard Skaff, Ed Weil, and Jean Tessmer provided comment on the petition. The discussion provided comments in the following areas:
  - a. Detailed guidelines on accessibility requirements are needed so that all involved understand what is specifically required to avoid expensive retrofits and litigation
  - b. ADA is a civil rights act which does not specify building code requirements, it outlines what buildings should have for accessibility.
  - c. DCAB's authority is to apply ADA requirements to state and county building plans for compliance. To expand DCAB's authority would require legislative action.
  - d. Adopt Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards which have the detail requested for inclusion in the building code to address accessibility issues.
6. Committee member comments were in the following areas.
  - a. The Council approved IBC amendments are more thorough than item 1 and 2 in the petition.

- b. Items A and B in the petition involve administration and enforcement which are the responsibilities of the counties. The authority of the Building Code Council does not extend to these areas.
  - c. Counties rely on design professionals for compliance with the ADA because they do not have staff that specialize in these areas.
7. Doug made a motion that the subcommittee not recommend the John Hartman's petition for adoption to the Building Code Council because items 1 and 2 of the petition are less inclusive and items A and B are not within the authority of the Council. The Council can ask the AG for an opinion on the authority of Council regarding items A and B. Brian seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
  8. The State Fire Code was reviewed. Ralph made a motion to adopt the State Fire Code and Brian seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
  9. Tim presented the 2008 National Electrical Code (NEC). Doug made a motion to adopt the NEC and Ralph seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee.
  10. The UPC amendments were reviewed and the follow revisions made.
    - a. Section 3-183-4; insert "including all appendices" after "uniform Plumbing Code, 2006 Edition"
    - b. Section 3-183-6; 101.1 Title; eliminate "Uniform"
    - c. Modification needed to UPC section 715.1 from two feet to five feet to conform to revision made to 3-183-7, 204.0
    - d. Delete 724.0 of section 3-183-7
    - e. Defer acceptance of Table 4-1
    - f. Section 3-183-11, 911.0; add "licensed in the State of Hawaii" after "engineer" and remove last two words "or architect" of sentence.
    - g. Section 3-183-12; verify 1101.11.1 with IBC
    - h. Section 3-183-13, Section K 1; verify language in Section K 1(A)
    - i. Section 3-183-13, Section K 2; change word "unites" to "units"
    - j. Section 3-183-13, Section K 5 (N) (1); change language to "The septic tank shall be certified by a third party certification body accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC guide 65, entitled "General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems".
  11. Next meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2009 at 8:30 am. The purpose of the meeting will be to review, discuss, and approve the 2006 UPC and amendments.
  12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

