

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2011 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Gary Chock, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Jai Ho Cheng, Bruce Coppa, Socrates Bratakos, Jennifer Shishido.  
Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and James Kurata, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS); and Patricia Ohara, Department of Attorney General Office.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. The minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig and Mark Unemori, Department of Business Economic Development; Harold McDermott, Local 675; Karen Nakamura and Gladys Quinto Marroru, BIA-Hawaii; Mona Higa, Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB); Eric Nishimoto, Department of Accounting and General Services and Alan Carr, International Code Council (via teleconference).
4. Eric Nishimoto of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) provided a copy of a draft memo to DAGS personnel that subsequent to April 16, 2011, all projects that submit a permit application be in compliance with the State Building Codes adopted in 2010. After discussion the Council decided that a letter from the Council chair to state departments should be sent advising them of the new code requirements including a statement that regardless of whether a permit application was being filed, that projects be in compliance with the new codes. Mr. Nishimoto will prepare the memo for the chair's signature and distribute it to the appropriate State agencies.
5. Report from investigative committees (IC)
  - a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; Gary Chock offered assistance to the subcommittee of county building officials in the review of proposed amendments to the to the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) and 2009 International Building Code.
  - b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code: No report
  - c. Elevators; Committee chair Jennifer Shishido reported the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) will be adopting

the 2010 ASME standards applicable to elevators, A17.1 and A17.3. An overview of this code to be adopted will be made at the April meeting.

On a side note, Ms. Shishido also noted that the DLIR has filed a request with the federal OSHA agency to include steel frame home in the definition of residential homes (OSHA definition of residential dwelling only includes wood framed structures).

- d. A/C Ventilation; no report
- e. 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code; Chair reported that the Department of Health has provided comments on the non potable water section amendments will be made in ramseyer format.
- f. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; Howard Wiig reported that this committee is working with the steel framed home association on the IECC 2009 code requirement regarding exterior insulations. Also reviewing an amendment that would require hotel room keys to govern the operations of electrical fixtures and appliances.
- g. State Fire Code; The State Fire Council is reviewing draft amendments to the 2009 NFPA.
- h. Training on State building codes; DCAB training on 2010 requirements to be held on March 23 and 24; ICC training to be held at the HACBO conference
- i. Fenestration exemption template; Howard Wiig to provide Kerry Yoneshige with the template and instruction for inclusion on the Council's website.
- j. Fire sprinkler implementation in new 1 and 2 family dwellings; Committee co chair Socrates Bratakos reported that there were actually two subcommittees, one for infrastructure and the other for sprinkler systems. Karen Nakamura of the BIA noted that there were various subjects which needed to be addressed including cost of sprinkler systems, labor jurisdictions on installation work, and the testing and review of systems (done by and frequency). Mr. Bratakos noted that affordability is key issue being addressed by this committee.
- k. Communication and training; Howard Wiig reported that he is in the process of contracting ICC to prepare the 2009 IBC and IRC in ramseyer format, hired a training consultant to perform IECC training and contracted with the Hilo Conference Center to handle the

registration for the IECC training classes (except for Maui). After discussion, the Council recommended that the classes be held after the Council has approved the recommendation from the subcommittee of county building officials to accept the proposed amendments.

- I. 2011 Electrical Code; no report
6. Legislation; April meeting will have discussion on bills which survived cross over.
7. Adoption of administrative rules
  - a. Kerry Yoneshige reported no change in scheduling of the preliminary public hearing for the State Residential Code which will be in May or June.
8. Home for Life Taskforce; no items to report
9. Gary Chock asked the Chair when the subcommittee would be meeting to review the proposed amendments to the building and residential codes. Kerry Yoneshige will poll the subcommittee members on their availability to meet before the next Council meeting in April.
10. Next meeting agenda items:
  - a. Subcommittee meeting recommendations on items proposed amendments for roof mounted panels, seismic bracing, and fire sprinkler place holder to January 2014
  - b. Presentation by DLIR on new elevator code
11. DCAB representative Mona Higa requested to be informed on the new elevator codes and was invited to be on the investigative committee.
12. The next meeting date will be April 12, 2011 at 9:00a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.