

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES of ARIL 7, 2009 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Douglas Haigh, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Brian Kajikawa, Socrates Bratakos, Timothy Hiu, and Keith Rudolph. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Patricia Ohara, Department of the Attorney General.

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.
2. The minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following member of the public introduced them self, via telephone, Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC), Jean Tessmer, Beth Arnoult, and Ed Weil. Members of the public present were Mona Higa of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, Ann Ogata-Deal, Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism, Richard Meyers, AIA.
4. Public comment
Beth Arnoult expressed concern that the proposed amendments provided to DCAB may not be incorporated into the building code as DCAB's authority only extends to public buildings. The Chair noted that the building code adopted which will include ADA amendments as recommended by the investigative committees and approved by the Subcommittee of County Building officials and Council will be adopted first by the State and then the counties as outlined in the law. Socrates Bratakos noted that the public hearing process is the forum for the proposed amendments to the International Building Code to be heard and considered. He requested and the Chair acknowledged that the accessibility group's proposal be submitted in the administrative rule hearing process.
5. Following the presentation, the Chair created an investigative committee on ADA and referred the February 20, 2009 petition to this investigative committee. Beth Arnoult was identified as the point of contact for the group.
6. Investigative Committees
 - a. Structural Standards and Provisions; The committee chair noted that the committee would be providing an addendum to address the shelter in place standards and the glazing protection requirements for the International Residential Code (IRC).
 - b. International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code; The committee is preparing amendments to the IRC after meeting with representatives from the mechanical and electrical fields. The

committee will also try to minimize the amendments made to the model code.

- c. State Fire Code; The committee chair noted that proposed sprinkler retrofit legislation has died.
 - d. Plumbing Code; The Subcommittee is reviewing amendments to the UPC and expects to finalize them by the end of April.
 - e. Individual Waste Water Systems; No reports
 - f. International Energy Conservation Code; The chair of the committee is working with the counties to conduct training on the 2006 IECC.
 - g. Electrical Code: Review completed awaiting Council approval.
 - h. Elevator Code: Welding standards are being incorporated into the administrative rules.
 - i. A/C Ventilation: The draft administrative rules for ventilation systems was handed out to the Council.
7. Tim Hiu discussed that in the review of the UPC, it was found that the plumbing fixture requirements for toilets would be best placed in the IBC to facilitate administrative review and permitting. The issue arose as the Department of Health will be removing the toilet requirements from their administrative rules. After discussion it was agreed that the IBC amendment to remove the toilet requirements would be removed.
8. The Council voted on the adoption of the State Fire Code as recommended by the Subcommittee of County Building officials; Socrates Bratakos made the motion, Doug Haigh seconded, and the Council unanimously approved the adoption.
9. The Council voted on the adoption of the State Electrical Code as recommended by the Subcommittee of County Building officials; Tim Hiu made the motion, Socrates Bratakos seconded, and the Council unanimously approved the adoption.
10. Status on adoption of administrative rules.
- a. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the changes on IBC amendments have been made and will be sent to the AG for review.
 - b. Socrates Bratakos received response from AG that the signature line on the State Fire Code should have only the signature of the DLIR Director.
 - c. Kerry Yoneshige has received the comments on the IECC from LRB and transmitted them to the ICC for revision.
 - d. Kerry Yoneshige noted that LRB changes on the NEC have been made.

- e. Chair requested that all draft rules be forwarded to the Governor for approval to proceed to hearing.
- 11. The Council reviewed the revised listing of codes and Council members were asked to send comments to Kerry Yoneshige.
- 12. The Chair reported that SB 1645 which required that bamboo be approved as a construction material was deferred.
- 13. The Chair requested that Gregg Serikaku and Vernon Taa co chair the 2009 UPC investigative committee. Also, the Chair requested that Howard Wiig chair the 2009 IECC investigative committee.
- 14. Members will be polled for the next meeting in May because of schedule conflict with the Chair.
- 15. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.