

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES of MAY 5, 2009 MEETING**

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

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.
2. The minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following member of the public introduced themselves; Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, and Tomas See, Department of Health
4. Public comment
None
5. Investigative Committees
 - a. Structural Standards and Provisions; Draft International Residential Code (IRC) amendments were distributed. The committee chair noted that the wind standards of the International Building Code (IBC) were transferred to the extent possible to the IRC. The tables included in the proposed amendments also contain the effect of wind pressure on partially enclosed structures. Termite protection requirements were also included.
 - b. International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code; The committee chair distributed the proposed amendments to the IRC and recommended that the code be titled the "State Residential Code". The proposed amendments do not address indigenous architecture and the committees approach was to make as few amendments as possible to the model code. To facilitate the review by the subcommittee of county building officials, Gary Chock and William Brizee will meet to consolidate the proposed amendments and forward that document to Tim Hiu who will put it into ramseyer format.
 - c. State Fire Code; Update to be covered in status on administrative rules.
 - d. Plumbing Code; With submission of the recommendation by the Subcommittee of the county building officials, this committee will be terminated.
 - e. Individual Waste Water Systems; HCR 266 requested that the DOH through the Council work and prepare a report on the review and approval

of greywater systems. DOH will take the lead on the preparation of the report. The Council would have the overarching administrative rules, the DOH would have the permitting rules which would later be conformed to the Council's administrative rules that are adopted. DOH administrative rules would address the administrative requirements of the Council's rules.

- f. International Energy Conservation Code; With the submission of the 2006 IECC and amendments, this committee was terminated.
 - g. Electrical Code: With the adoption of the 2008 National Electrical Code as the State Electrical Code, this committee was terminated.
 - h. Elevator Code: Continuing to work on new administrative rules.
 - i. A/C Ventilation: The draft administrative rules for ventilation systems have been submitted to the Governor's Office for approval.
 - j. 2009 UPC; Co chairs are assembling committee.
 - k. 2009 IECC; County of Hawaii will be adopting the 2006 IECC. Training will also be conducted by the ICC on the IECC in August.
6. Tim Hiu on behalf of the subcommittee of county building officials recommended that the UPC and amendments be adopted by the Council. Tim also made a motion, seconded by Socrates that the UPC and amendments begin the administrative rule making process. The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.
7. Gregg Serikaku proposed a revision to the UPC amendments. The Council chair requested that the proposed revision be presented at the administrative rule hearing.
8. Status on adoption of administrative rules.
- a. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the draft administrative rules for the State Building Code, State Energy Code, State Electrical Code, and State Plumbing Code would be sent to the Governor for preliminary approval.
 - b. Socrates Bratakos reported that the State Fire Code was submitted to the Governor for preliminary approval.
9. The Chair noted that the Council received no funding for the next fiscal year and meetings with the neighbor island counties would be by video conference if the counties were not able to fund the travel.

10. Action item for the next Council meeting on June 9, 2009 will be the approval of the UPC and amendments. William Brizee and Douglas Haigh noted that they would not be able to attend.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.