

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF May 8, 2012 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Dean Seki, Socrates Bratakos, Jim Reinhardt, Jai Ho Cheng (via Video Conferencing) and Doug Haigh (via teleconference, attendance not counted towards quorum), Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, 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 April 17, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revisions.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Ann Ogata-Deal, Mark Unemori, (DBEDT); Dan Chun, American Institute of Architects; Gregg Serikaku (PAMCA); Harold McDermott (Local 675); Denise Otsuka (DOH); Gladys Marrone, BIA; Beverly Ishii-Nakagawa (ACECH), Shawn Mosley (Breezway), and Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference).
4. Public comments: none
5. The Council members voted and approved a change in the agenda moving item 7, legislative update to follow public comments.
6. Legislative update
 - a. SB 2307; Bill passed and became Act 83 which prohibits counties from requiring fire sprinklers in new and existing residential facilities and non residential and agricultural buildings.
 - b. SB 2646; Exempts certain agricultural structures from the permitting process and creates a task force to assess conflicts between State statutes, county code requirements, and the interests of the agricultural community.
7. DAGS support after July 1, 2012
Kerry Yoneshige noted that DAGS would provide the following support to the Council.
 - a. Administrative advice to the Council for open meetings and other Council business including sunshine law and the adoption of administrative rules
 - b. Legal support for Council business
 - c. Provide space and limited parking in DAGS buildings for Council meetings
 - d. Hosting Council's website

- e. DAGS and AG staff can be present at Council meetings upon request

Upon further discussion the Council members decided two levels of administrative support required.

- a. Level A; Administrative functions for the Council meetings comprised of the following steps.
 1. Preparation of meeting agenda
 2. Approval of agenda by Chair
 3. Submission of the agenda to the Lieutenant Governor's (LG) office (by fax) six days prior to the meeting date.
 4. Posting of the meeting agenda on the LG's electronic calendar.
 5. Preparation of meeting minutes
- b. Level B: Overseeing the administrative rules process from preparation of the draft administrative rules to the approval of the final administrative rules by the Governor.

After further discussion, the Council decided that only level A administrative support would be required in next year (from July 1, 2012) to keep the Council operating. Doug Haigh volunteered the HACBO organization resources to take the meeting minutes and Ralph Nagamine volunteered to prepare the agenda. DAGS will provide the letterhead and post the agenda to the LG's electronic calendar. Kerry also noted that the approved agenda can be faxed to the LG's office and no publication in newspapers is necessary.

The discussion then addressed the Council's long term future. Gregg Serikaku proposed a revision to the current Act 82, SLH 2007 (the Act) to revise the Council's mission to address proposed amendments to the model building codes with a time period for the counties to adopt the model code and proposed amendments. Other ideas to revise the model code included the adoption of updated versions of the model codes every other revision date (generally, six years between adoption instead of the current three years). Funding options of the Council's operations was also discussed and the options ranged from funding from the Hurricane Relief Fund to fees from State and county building permits. The Council Chair then established two new investigative committees:

- a. Investigative committee to revise the Act: Chair Gary Chock

- b. Investigative committee to identify a funding source for the Council's operations; Chair Dan Chun

Comptroller Seki noted that draft bills should be submitted to DAGS by late August or early September so that it could be submitted for inclusion in the Administration package.

The Council chair then requested that draft bills from the two new investigative committees be submitted at the next Council meeting.

- 8. Next Meeting Agenda
 - a. Review draft legislation from two investigative committees on amendments to the Act and funding the Council's operations.
 - b. Presentation by Brent Tokioka on Green Construction Code
 - c. How the Council will operate after July 1, 2012
- 9. Next meeting date; June 19, 2012
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.