

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF May 10, 2011 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Jai Ho Cheng, Bruce Coppa, Socrates Bratakos, Douglas Haigh, 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 9:09 a.m.
2. The minutes of the April 12, 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; Gladys Quinto Marroru, BIA-Hawaii; Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference); Gregg Serikaku, Pamca; Mona Higa, DCAB
4. Kraig Stevenson from ICC inquired if the Council would be taking any action on the ICC Green Construction Code which he provided earlier. Doug Haigh noted that this was not a code which dealt with health and safety issues and is outside of the Council's normal scope. Gary Chock noted that Act 82 did not specifically mention the code but does not limit the Council on what codes are adopted. Howard Wiig mentioned that he was reviewing the Green Code.
5. Report from investigative committees (IC)
  - a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; Waiting for subcommittee review of the draft codes submitted
  - b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code: No report
  - c. Elevators; No report
  - d. A/C Ventilation; No report
  - e. 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code; Investigative committee chair requested that consideration be given to adopt the 2012 UPC since it will be released in January 2012 and the counties have not yet adopted the State Plumbing Code (2006 UPC) . Council Chair requested that this committee provide the Council with the rationale

why the 2012 UPC should be adopted, listing of changes between 2009 and 2012, and list of advantages and disadvantages of the adopting the 2012 UPC.

Bruce Coppa noted that the Council should look at the reasons why the county adoptions are taking over a year and possible solutions. One the outcomes of the counties not adopting the State codes is the situation where the county building codes and the State codes are in different versions. Gary Chock noted that the codes should be adopted in series. Gregg Serikaku and Harold McDermott noted that there is confusion in the plumbing industry because plumbers licenses are based on the 2006 UPC but the State plumbing code has not been adopted by the counties.

As an action item, the next Council meeting will be devoted to discussing the issues of adopting model building codes at the State and county levels.

- f. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; Proposed amendments to the 2009 IECC should be completed at the subcommittee meeting today and will presented at the next Council meeting. The final fenestration template should also be approved.

Comment was made on the need to provide the amendments in ramseyer format by the investigative committee before the Council could accept it and forward it to the subcommittee of county building officials. After discussion, Kerry Yoneshige will provide an outline of the current process used to accept proposed amendments from investigative committees and when it has been converted to ramseyer format. The process will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

- g. State Fire Code; The State Fire Council is finalizing amendments to the 2009 NFPA.
- h. Training on State building codes; Ann Ogata Deal reported that the NOAA has provided funding for a number of training sessions on various islands on different ICC codes which occurred in March and April.
- i. Fenestration exemption template; previously discussed .
- j. Fire sprinkler implementation in new 1 and 2 family dwellings; Committee co chair Socrates Bratakos reported that there the infrastructure committee has a question on liability to the counties and the State if a portion of the model code is eliminated in the

adoption process. Mr. Bratakos will email the question to Kerry Yoneshige for follow up by the Attorney General.

- k. Communication and training; Howard Wiig reported that professional organizations will be used to disseminate information on new codes adopted.
  - l. 2011 Electrical Code; No report
6. Legislation; A bill on aquafarms and other agricultural structures not be subject to permitting requirements was discussed and that five resolutions affecting the Council had been passed including one to evaluate fire retardant paint. .
  7. Adoption of Building codes; Kerry Yoneshige noted that the adoption process for the residential code will begin in June. Timothy Hiu will serve as hearings officer .
  8. Next meeting agenda items
    - a. Issues related to the timely adoption of model building codes at the State and county level
    - b. Review of the process for investigative committees to submit proposed amendments to model codes for consideration by the Council and the Subcommittee of county building officials.
  9. The next meeting date will be June 14, 2011 at 9:00a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
  10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.