

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF July 12, 2011 MEETING**

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

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.
2. The minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Mark Unemori, Harold McDermott, Local 675; Gladys Quinto Marroru, BIA-Hawaii; Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference); Ryan Takahashi, Hawaii Electricians (HEMED), Maurice Morita, Mona Higa, (DCAB), Hawaii CECET, James Toma, Department of Health; Doug Haigh (via teleconference).
4. Kraig Stevenson from ICC provided comment that all 2012 ICC codes have are now available.
5. Gary Chock presented his write up on the current process which the Council has used to adopt new building codes and amendments. He also provided a write up on a proposed process to speed up the adoption process to meet the deadlines specified in the statutes (18 month adoption by the State with county adoption two years later). The significant points of the process are:
  - a. The investigative committees could begin the review process up to a year prior to the publication date of the model codes and prepare recommendations in clean and tracked change versions of the proposed amendments. Amendments could also be submitted on the "Code Amendment Proposal Form".
  - b. The subcommittee of county building officials would review either the clean and tracked change version or the Code Amendment Proposal Forms to form their recommendation to the Council.
  - c. Council votes on the recommendation of the technical language changes of the Hawaii model code from the subcommittee of county building officials. Once adopted by the Council, the counties will prepare their ordinances based on the technical language adopted by the Council.

- d. State administrative rules would then be prepared by DAGS. The subcommittee of county building officials review the administrative rules drafted by DAGS.
6. Discussion on Gary Chock's proposal were in the following areas:
    - a. Lack of resources to prepare the administrative rules/ordinances at the county and state level
    - b. Need for uniformity of the codes in place at the State and county levels so that training on codes by the building trades matched the codes in use
    - c. Necessity of state building code administrative rules as the process is replicated at the state and county levels
    - d. Length of time taken by the Governor and state to adopt administrative rules (i.e. Governor's preliminary approval of 2006 residential code took one year).
    - e. A private source has been found which is willing to contribute resources to facilitate the timely adoption of the model building codes.
  7. To better understand the Gary Chock's proposal, he will put his proposal in flowchart format, email it to Kerry Yoneshige who will forward it to Council members so that they can comment on it at the next meeting.
  8. The meeting terminated at 10:35 because of a computer network failure in the Hilo area resulting in the video conferencing session being terminated and quorum was lost.