BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES of August 11, 2009 MEETING

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Socrates Bratakos, Timothy Hiu, Jerry Haruno, and William Brizee. 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 9:03 a.m.

2. The minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to two corrections. One was to correct the attendance to note that Douglas Haigh was present at the meeting. The other was to correct item 7 to add “other” to the second to the last sentence to read “and all other member”.

3. The following member of the public introduced themselves, Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, Mona Higa, DCAB, Tony Borge, RMA, Kraig Stevenson, ICC (via teleconference).

4. Kerry Yoneshige distributed an April 2, 2009 memo from Beth Arnoult, Leslie Williams, John Hartman, Bessie and Bobbie Borbeau, Karen Michaud, Richard Skaff, and Jean Tessmer; DCAB response to the April 2, 2009 memo, and DCAB Report of Activities on HRS 103-50, for FY 08. Mona Higa noted that the DCAB response to the responsibilities requested in the April 2, 2009 memo require statutory change and additional staff.

5. Investigative Committees
   a. Structural Standards and Provisions; No significant activity
   b. International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code; No significant activity, waiting for 2009 IBC books and “Significant Changes to IBC” ..
   c. Elevators; No report
   d. A/C Ventilation: No change in status, draft administrative rules pending approval by Governor to proceed to administrative hearing. Council requested that the rules be separated to technical and administrative parts so that the technical part can be reviewed by the Council.
   e. 2009 UPC; Summary of changes for the 2009 UPC will be sent to the county members
   f. 2009 IECC; Chair that he just returned from a conference in Portland to discuss the 2009 IECC. The focus of the 2009 IECC will be to create a
code that reduces energy consumption by 30% from the 2006 IECC. The reduction is not applicable to the State energy code as the amendments to the 2006 IECC has amendments which reduces energy consumption greater than projected with the standard code.

g. ADA; With the response provided to the April 2, 2009 memo previously mentioned, the investigative committee will be terminated. The DCAB chair of this committee will become a member of the 2009 IBC investigative committee.

h. State Fire Code; Nothing significant to report

i. Training on State building codes; No report

6. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the Governor gave approval for the Council to present the draft administrative rules for the State Building Code, State Energy Conservation Code, State Electrical Code, and State Plumbing Code at public hearing. Socrates Bratakos reported that the Governor also approved that the draft State Fire Code administrative rules be presented at public hearing.

7. Russ told the Council that the administrative rules public hearing date is September 30, 2009. Meeting format would be note the public hearing starting time but not to set specific time for each draft building code. Also testimony would need to be submitted in writing before the public hearing. Ralph suggested that Russ be the hearings officer which he agreed to. Russ requested that the technical council members be present at the public hearing. Socrates noted that the public hearing for the State Fire Code would be on October 1.

8. Gary Chock left at 9:45 am the meeting was terminated as the Council lost quorum.