

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES of September 16, 2009 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Socrates Bratakos, Timothy Hiu, William Brizee, Brian Kajikawa, and Douglas Haigh. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and Ronald Tanaka, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Russell Suzuki, Department of the Attorney General.

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following member of the public introduced themselves, Harold McDermott, Local 675, Vernon Taa, Local 675, Howard Wiig, DBEDT (arrived at 9:45), Ann Ogata-Deal, DBEDT, Peter Akamu, IBEW, Local 1186, David Lovelace, IBEW, Local 1186, Mona Higa, DCAB, Kraig Stevenson, ICC (via teleconference).
4. Investigative Committees
 - a. Structural Provisions for 2009 International Building and Residential Codes; No report
 - b. 2009 International Building Code, Residential Code, and Existing Building Code; First meeting will be held on Monday, September 21 to compare the significant changes in the 2009 codes to previous amendments and to establish a timeline for the review of three codes
 - c. Elevators; No report
 - d. A/C Ventilation; No report
 - e. 2009 UPC; No report
 - f. 2009 IECC; Chair testified in Maui and Oahu and received favorable responses and acceptance of 2006 IECC (after arrival)
 - g. State Fire Code; Nothing significant to report
 - h. Training on State building codes; Co chair Ann Ogata-Deal requested feedback from county and state agencies on the need for ICC code training for which she has funds available. She also noted that training on the neighbor islands would be covered as well as training for the investigative committees. Vernon Taa of the Plumbers Union, Local 675, also stated that his organization would be willing to coordinate with IAPMO on the UPC training for state and county agencies.

5. Kerry Yoneshige reported that State Residential Code has to be sent to the Governor for approval to be presented for administrative hearing.
6. Socrates Bratakos reported that the draft State Fire Code administrative rules will be heard at a public hearing on October 1, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Honolulu Fire Department headquarters.
7. Mona Higa highlighted that the DCAB July 13, 2009 memo supported the amendments made in the State Building Code relative to accessibility and the issues presented by Ms. Beth Arnoult and Ms. Jean Tessmer that were administrative in nature and outside the authority of the Council. Additionally, Ms. Higa noted that DCAB would be meeting today to vote on a motion to provide testimony in support of the State Building Code.
8. From the previous agenda item, the Council members acknowledged that they had no authority to regulate construction or permitting of private projects.
9. Russ told the Council that the administrative rules public hearing date is September 30, 2009 and only the hearings officer need be present. Testimony could be submitted in writing or orally. If testimony was presented orally, a request would be made by the hearings officer that the oral testifier provide written testimony by October 2, 2009. It was also decided that there would be a joint meeting of the Subcommittee of County Building Officials and the Council to review and approve the draft rules.
10. Items for the next meeting will be as follows:
 - a. Review of testimony and decision to approve the draft administrative rules
 - b. State department representatives (Jerry Haruno and Keith Rudolph) to report on changes to their administrative rules that will affect permitting and administrative activities now handled
 - c. Report from the counties on when they intend to adopt the state building codes
 - d. Legislation to be introduced in the upcoming session
11. Next meeting will be October 13, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.