

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES of October 13, 2009 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Socrates Bratakos, Timothy Hiu, William Brizee, Brian Kajikawa, Jerry Haruno and Douglas Haigh. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and Jeyan Thirugnanam, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), Patricia Ohara, Department of the Attorney General.

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following member of the public introduced themselves, Harold McDermott, Local 675, Howard Wiig, DBEDT (arrived at 9:45), Ann Ogata-Deal, DBEDT, Peter Akamu, IBEW, Local 1186, Mona Higa, DCAB, Bob Barnett (Coastal Windows), Aaron Dillaway (Breezway North America), Gregg Serikaku (Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Assn)
4. Public hearing review of testimony, discussion and decision
  - a. State Building Code; The written testimonies submitted by the Department of Accounting and General Services Public Works Division (PWD) and the Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Assn. (PAMCA) were reviewed. Gregg Serikaku of PAMCA noted that the proposed revisions would aid users of the rules by making it easier to eliminate references to the International Plumbing Code. After review and discussion of the written testimony, Doug Haigh made a motion not to adopt the proposed revisions which was seconded by Brian Kajikawa and the subcommittee of county building officials voted unanimously not to adopt the proposed revisions to the draft rules. Doug Haigh made another motion to adopt the State Building Code as proposed and forward it to the Governor for final approval, Timothy Hiu seconded the motion and the Council then voted unanimously to approve the motion.
  - b. State Electrical Code; There was no written testimony proposing revision to this and Douglas Haigh made a motion to adopt the State Electrical Code as proposed and forward it to the Governor for final approval. Socrates Bratakos seconded the motion and the Council unanimously approved the motion.
  - c. State Plumbing Code; There was no written testimony proposing revision to this and Timothy Hiu made a motion to adopt the State Plumbing Code as proposed and forward it to the Governor for final approval. Douglas Haigh seconded the motion and the Council unanimously approved the motion.
  - d. State Energy Code; Howard Wiig, chair of the investigative committee for the State Energy Code recommended that the revisions proposed as a result of the written testimony regarding the heat gain coefficient not be incorporated into the proposed rules and the revisions be made in the

county adoption process. Council members discussed the revisions and comments were made in favor of the change and against. Douglas Haigh made a motion to the subcommittee of county building officials to add a sentence to the end of section 402.3.3 to read "Solar heat gain coefficient for jealousy windows will be .65." No subcommittee member seconded the motion and it died. Douglas Haigh then made a motion to the subcommittee to adopt the code as proposed, Ralph Nagamine seconded the motion and the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve it. Douglas Haigh made a motion to the Council to forward the State Energy Code to the Governor for final approval and Ralph Nagamine seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to pass the motion.

## 5. 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; Will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The committee is planning to review all three codes by the end of March 2010.
- c. Elevators; No report
- d. A/C Ventilation; Jerry Haruno distributed the draft ventilation administrative rules which is pending approval for public hearing. Chair raised a question whether these rules should be reviewed by the Council. After discussion, it was decided that the Council did not need to review these draft administrative rules because the counties would not be adopting them as the administrative functions were the responsibility of the State.
- e. 2009 UPC; No report
- f. 2009 IECC; Chair noted that the committee would be meeting this afternoon.
- g. State Fire Code; Public hearing was conducted and no testimony was provided and the draft rules will be sent to the Governor for final approval. The Council also approved a motion to forward these rules to the Governor for final approval.
- h. Training on State building codes; Co chair Ann Ogata-Deal noted that there will be training on Hawaii, Oahu, and Maui in the coming months covering the IBC. The attendees will be from the county building

departments, DAGS, and the DOE. Training on Kauai will be scheduled before the summer of 2010.

6. Kerry Yoneshige reported that the State Residential Code will be sent to the Governor for preliminary approval to be presented at an administrative hearing within the next month.
7. Items for the next meeting will be as follows:
  - a. Review of building codes the Council will be addressing for adoption
  - b. Discussion and decision on the adoption of the International Existing Building Code. If available, Kraig Stevenson of the ICC to discuss the pros and cons of adoption
8. Next meeting will be on November 4, 2009 at AIA/CSI Conference at the Hawaii Convention Center, time to be announced
9. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.