

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING**

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

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. The minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public introduced themselves, Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC) via telephone, Ronald Tanaka, DAGS, Duane Buote of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, Tom See, Department of Health, John Hartman via telephone, Beth Arnoult via telephone, and Jean Tessmer via telephone.
4. Investigative committees.
  - a. Structural Standards and Provisions; The chair of the investigative committee reported the committee will need to continue on as the hurricane protective shelter criteria and other work of the committee has only been incorporated into the IBC and work remains in other codes such as the IRC.
  - b. Further discussion from the investigative committee was suspended as members of the public joined on a teleconference call.
5. Public comment  
Jean Tessmer, John Hartman, and Beth Arnoult joined the meeting via teleconference to discuss accessibility requirements in the 2006 IBC and amendments adopted by the Council. Jean Tessmer submitted a document which contained a proposed amendment to the IBC. All parties cited examples of failures in the current design and enforcement to address accessibility requirements. After discussion, the chair recommended that the group submit a document for the Council to consider action/decision on at the next meeting. The current agenda only lists public comment and no decision making on any proposals. The chair requested that the group submit their document at least 7 days before the next meeting to ensure the agenda reflected the item of consideration.
6. Investigative Committees
  - a. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; The chair noted that architects were being surveyed as to their preference to adopt the IRC and that would be incorporated into the committee recommendation to the Council on whether to adopt the IRC. Council

also passed motion for the purchase of 9 copies of the ICC book on “Standards for Residential Construction in High Wind Regions, item number 702TS08 at \$26/each if funding was available.

- b. State Fire Code; No report.
  - c. Plumbing Code; Tom See from the Department of Health (DOH) discussed the draft amendment the DOH was planning to submit on the UPC. The Council raised concerns that the draft amendment was too general and would require any users of the code to identify and address any conflicts between the administrative rules and the UPC adopted. Jerry Haruno will discuss the proposed amendment with the DOH Director before submittal is made.
  - d. Electrical Code: The National Electrical Code is being considered for adoption by the subcommittee of county building officials.
  - e. Elevator Code: Working on the adoption of the 2005 ANSI elevator codes to address ADA concerns/issues. The Council asked the chair of this committee to provide an overview of all of the ANSI codes.
7. Report and recommendation from the subcommittee of county building officials
- a. The subcommittee recommended that the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code and amendments be adopted. The Council received a draft of amendments which only included revisions up to the subcommittee’s December 2 meeting. There were other revisions made at the subcommittee’s December 9 meeting which will be incorporated into the next draft to be distributed to the Council members prior to the January meeting where the Council will vote on this recommendation.
  - b. The 2008 National Electrical Code has not been reviewed by the subcommittee and no action is proposed.
8. The Council reviewed the November 12, 2008 memo from State Civil Defense in reference to acceptance of Appendix W and compliance with FEMA requirements of the 2006 amendments. Doug Haigh made a motion to accept the letter and remove all contingencies from Council’s approval of the 2006 IBC and amendments. Motion was seconded by Tim Hiu and unanimously approved by the Council.
9. For the next meeting, the Council requested the following agenda items.
- a. Overview of ANSI standards
  - b. Update on mechanical code revisions by DOH
  - c. Update on grey water administrative rules being considered by DOH
  - d. Decision on 2006 IECC and amendments

10. The next meeting date will be January 13, 2009.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.