

State Building Code Council Meeting (SBCC)  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)  
Comptroller's Conference Room 410  
Kalanimoku Building  
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**Minutes**

1. Call to Order by Chair Socrates Bratakos: 10:15 a.m., Attendees - see lists
2. Introductions and Public Comments:

Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC) informed that the Honolulu Chapters of the American Institute of Architects and the Construction Specifications Institute will co-produce the Pacific Trade Expo on November 17, 2015, at the Hawaii Convention Center.

3. Review and approval of minutes of October 13, 2015 meeting.

**Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Administrative rules for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), 2012 edition is still pending justification comments for the International Plumbing Code and deleted appendices. Chair and Vice Chair to follow-up with Tim Hiu. Member Gregg Serikaku reported receiving comments from the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) and the Deputy Attorney General (DAG). He will work on incorporating their recommendations.
5. Administrative rules have been completed and the process for adopting the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2014 edition. The NEC Administrative Rules are being finalized and will be forwarded to the DAGS before submittal to the LRB and the DAG.

6. Member Johnson presented inconsistencies between the published International Building Code (IBC) 2012 edition, and a referenced document for structural concrete design provisions, titled, Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-11). Proposed code changes were publicly vetted and approved via the ICC's code change process.

**Motion:** Member Johnson motioned to approve incorporating the revisions into the IBC, 2012 edition administrative rules. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Member Reinhardt summarized the recommendations for non-structural revisions to the IBC, 2012 edition that were approved by the Subcommittee of Building Officials (SBO) at their November 10, 2015, meeting. The administrative rules incorporating the structural and non-structural provisions will be distributed to the SBCC and on the DAGS website for review prior to the next meeting.
8. Deputy Attorney General informed that Act 83, 2012 Legislative Session, does not prohibit the SBCC from requiring residential sprinklers in new one-and two-family dwellings. Act 83 does prohibit the counties from requiring, except for fire department water supply or road access deficiencies. A discussion on the residential fire sprinklers ensued and included different occupancy types in the residential category, code requirements when sprinklers are not present, an SBCC investigative committee report, what other states have done, and costs/benefits. The SBCC will decide this issue when the IRC 2012 edition revisions are discussed.
9. Standard and Ramseyer formatting is in progress for the International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 edition and will be submitting to the LRB and the DAG. He also provided information on green homes and how the tropical climate zone category provides savings in building costs for Hawaii.
10. Discussion of Future Administration Support – The Comptroller has not responded to any developments in the current administration's intent to support staff for the SBCC. The SBCC plans to approach the Governor or his staff.
11. Updates from the investigative committees:
  - a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2012 IBC and IRC, Gaur Johnson – See item 6 above.
  - b. Investigative committee for the 2012 IBC & IRC, James Reinhardt- See item 7 above.
  - c. Investigative committee on communication and training, Howard Wiig. Training to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2015 edition and the proposed administrative rules was held in each county during the week of November 2-9, 2015.
  - d. Investigative committee for a mechanical code, Richard Beall - No report.

The committee was disbanded.

- e. Investigative committee for Green Code, Sherman Wong - No report.
- f. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council, John Cheung –No report
- g. Investigative committee for the 2015 State Fire Code. Investigative committee has planned meetings in November 2015.

12. Update on county and state adoption of building codes

Honolulu City Council passed the state fire code with county amendments and included an amendment to allow cut Christmas trees in hotel and assembly occupancies that are sprinklered.

13. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting

No new agenda items

14. Announcements – No announcements

15. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

16. **Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.