

State Building Code Council Meeting (SBCC)
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
9:00 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order by Chair Socrates Bratakos: 9:07 a.m., Attendees - see lists
2. Introductions and Public Comments:

Member Wiig announced that the Energy Investigative Committee would meet following today's meeting.

3. Review and approval of minutes of November 10, 2015 meeting.

Motion: Member Wiig motioned to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting with a revision. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Administrative rules for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), 2012 edition. Recommended formatting revisions from the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) were completed. Justification comments to one amendment of the administrative rules were received from former SBCC members Tim Hiu and Doug Haig. There was a discussion on the benefits for providing justifications or explanations for all current and future amendments and potential impacts at public hearings. It was agreed to proceed in the adoption process. The next step is to prepare the Small Business Impact Statement and submit to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB). Member Serikaku is facilitating the adoption process.
5. Administrative rules for the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2014 edition. Recommended revisions from the LRB and the State Attorney General (SAG) were completed. They were sent to stakeholder and trade groups for review/comment. The state fire council staff is facilitating the adoption process.

6. Approval of the Structural and Non-Structural Provisions amendment package for the 2012 International Building Code (IBC). Member Johnson provided a handout of the merged structural/non-structural administrative rules to the International Building Code (IBC) 2012 edition. He and member Reinhardt highlighted the latest revisions. The Federal Emergency Management Agency grant application to facilitate the adoption process has a due date of January 15, 2016.

Motion: Member Wiig motioned to approve the proposed IBC 2012 edition, structural/non-structural administrative rules. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. The 2015 International Energy Efficiency Code (IECC), 2012 UPC and 2014 NEC public hearings. Member Wiig stated that DBEDT is finalizing the recommended revisions from the LRB and will be sending to the SAG. See above item 4 for status updates to the 2012 UPC and item 5 for the 2014 NEC. In addition to the IECC, DBEDT is still planning to provide the resources to facilitate the UPC, NEC adoptions.
8. Discussion of Future Administration Support – SBCC Chair Bratakos, members Cheung, Johnson, former members Chock and Rogers, and Building Industry Association of Hawaii CEO Gladys Marone met with the Governor’s Chief of Staff, Mike McCartney, and staff members Denise Iseri-Matsubara and Robert Lee. They discussed the SBCC history since 2007 to the present and the various issues related to its statutory responsibilities. They understood the importance and challenges of adopting state building codes without funding. They plan to research what, if any, existing state resources that may be available.

There was a discussion of submitting any 2016 legislative bill proposals. It was agreed that the American Institute of Architects of Hawaii would submit a SBCC appropriation bill and a bill to create a task force to study any funding options to provide future support to the SBCC.

Motion: Member Reinhardt motioned to authorize the SBCC Chair to provide 2016 legislative testimony for any SBCC related bills. The submitted written testimonies will be emailed to the members.

9. Updates from the investigative committees:
 - a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2012 IBC and IRC, Gaur Johnson – See item 6 above for updates to the IBC.
 - b. Investigative committee for the 2012 IBC & IRC, James Reinhardt – Work is continuing on the IRC administrative rules.
 - c. Investigative committee on communication and training, Howard Wiig. The 2015 IECC training was completed and had about 249 attendees. Additional training on the Tropical Code is being planned. The annual

conference for the Hawaii Association of County Building Officials will be held on March 21-24, 2016, at the Sheraton Waikiki. Training on the adopted 2012 state fire code will be conducted on each county from February 22-26, 2016 for authorities having jurisdictions.

- d. Investigative committee for Green Code, Sherman Wong - No report.
 - e. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council, John Cheung –No report
 - f. Investigative committee for the 2015 State Fire Code – Review of the 2015 state fire code is continuing.
10. Update on county and state adoption of building codes

Various county ordinances are in the process for the adoption of the IBC, NEC, and UPC as county building codes.

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

- a. Justifications for the UPC and other Hawaii building codes.
- b. Legislation for the 2016 session.

12. Announcements – No announcements

13. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

14. **Motion:** Member Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.