

State Building Code Council Meeting (SBCC)  
Tuesday, February 9, 2016  
9:00 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: 9:05 a.m., Attendees - see lists
2. Introductions and Public Comments:
  - a. Kraig Stevenson informed that the International Code Council (ICC) hearings of administrative sections for group B of the codes will be held in April 2016. Registration of membership is required to vote.
  - b. Chair Bratakos informed that his eight year SBCC term is expiring on March 2, 2016. He thanked the attendees for their contributions and plans to continue attending meetings. The State Fire Council appointed Lloyd Rogers as the replacement voting member, pending the Department of Accounting and General Services' approval. An election for a new Chair will be held at next month's meeting.
3. Review and approval of minutes of January 12, 2016 meeting.

**Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 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 for the 2012 UPC Appendices were provided to Member Serikaku from Member Ueno. The next step is to prepare the Small Business Impact Statement, submit to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) who will schedule a hearing. Member Serikaku is facilitating the adoption process.

5. Administrative rules for the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2014 edition. SBRRB hearing is scheduled for February 17, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at No. 1 Capitol District Building and the agenda will be forwarded to the SBCC membership and attendees. A National Fire Protection Association representative is planning to attend. A request to the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting to send an electrical code official has been sent. 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 informed that modifications to the International Building Code (IBC) 2012 edition is still in progress. The changes are not technical and are being made to indicate how the accepted amendments modify the IBC 2012 edition.
7. The 2015 International Energy Efficiency Code (IECC), 2012 UPC and 2014 NEC public hearings. Member Wiig attended the SBRRB hearing for the IECC 2015 edition, which was passed. There was some discussion at the hearing on cost increases in the new code and related information will be provided to the board. 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 advertising and adoption expenses. A consolidated public hearing for all three codes will be the most cost effective.
8. Discussion of Future Administration Support –Those that attended the meeting with the Governor’s Chief of Staff have not heard anything further on their research of any existing state resources that may assist the SBCC.
9. Discussion of Justifications/Explanations of the state building codes. Members discussed the importance of having code amendment reasons during the review process. This keeps a historical account for why amendments were made for future code review information and for individuals not familiar with the different codes, such as the Attorney General or the SBRRB.
10. Discussion of 2016 Legislation. Two similar funding bills, drafted by the American Institute of Architects of Hawaii, are proceeding through the early days of the session. One is for an appropriation and the other has a task force to explore long-term SBCC funding options, together with an appropriation. Other related bills include allowing counties to seek exemptions to the state building codes and allowing agricultural properties to have residential care homes and farm worker residences without building code requirements or permits.
11. 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. Member Johnson

stated that the IRC 2012 edition does not have provisions for certain Hawaii conditions, such as high wind. The SEA OH would have a considerable amount of time to invest in reviewing and providing a complete structural amendment package. One consideration could be to reference the IBC structural provisions

- b. Investigative committee for the 2012 IBC & IRC, James Reinhardt – Non-structural amendments to the IRC 2012 edition are completed.
- 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. It will include seminars on the plumbing, electrical, building, and residential codes, to be followed on subsequent days with keynote speakers.

Training for authorities having jurisdictions on the adopted 2012 state fire code will be conducted on each county from February 22-26, 2016.

- 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. Chair Bratakos reported that the investigative committee has completed their review through Chapter 14 of the National Fire Protection Association 1 Fire Code, 2015 edition.

## 12. 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.

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

- a. International Code Council Membership
- b. Election of New SBCC Chair and if needed, Vice Chair

## 14. Announcements – No announcements

15. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

16. **Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.