

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

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

1. Call to Order by Vice Chair Willard Nishigata: 9:00 a.m., Attendees - see list
2. Introductions and Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

3. Review and approval of minutes of May 10, 2016, and the June 14, 2016 meetings.

Motion: Member Wiig motioned to approve the May 10, 2016, and the June 14, 2016 meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Administrative rule process for adopting the State Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) amendments.

Member Serikaku stated that he contacted former SBCC members Tim Hiu and Doug Haig, who are current Honolulu and Kauai building officials respectively. Tim Hiu indicated he would attend future Small Business Regulatory Review Board and public hearings to answer state plumbing code amendment questions.

There was a discussion on newer national model building codes that are adopted by a county, prior to the adoption of a respective state building code. It appears that HRS 107-28, requires the county to amend and adopt the state building code within two years of the adoption of the state building code or the state code shall become the interim county building code.

5. Administrative rule process for adopting for the State Electrical Code (NEC) amendments.

Governor's approval to proceed with public hearing was received. As reported in last month's meeting, the National Electrical Code (NEC) is awaiting Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) funding to publish hearing announcements in local newspapers, together with the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

6. Administrative rule process for adopting for the State International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC).

Member Rogers reported that Chair Johnson sent a request via the Department of Accounting and General Services' Comptroller's office for review and comment of the IBC by the Legislative Reference Bureau. **(Revised 8/9/16)**

7. 2015 IECC, 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and 2014 NEC public hearings.

See item #5 above for the IECC and NEC. Member Wiig stated that DBEDT will not fund publication costs in local newspapers for the UPC. Kraig Stevenson informed that online access to the International Codes (IC) is available. He will also provide the latest edition of the IC codes to SBCC members. A head count will be provided to him and the code books will be mailed to the DAGS Administrative Officer, Kerry Yoneshige.

8. Discussion of Future Administration Support

No updates

9. Discussion of 2016 Legislation

No updates. This agenda item will be revised to the 2017 Legislation.

10. Discussion of SBCC Code Development Process

The SBCC discussed compiling agreed upon state amendments to the national, model building codes for county adoption when no state administrative support or funding is provided.

11. Updates from the investigative committees:

- a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code (IRC) – See item #6 above for the IBC. No update to the IRC.

- b. Investigative committee for the non-structural 2012 provisions of IBC & IRC. Jim Reinhardt – No discussion or updates presented.
- c. Investigative committee for the IECC. There will be no meeting of this committee after this meeting.
- d. Investigative committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) - See item #4 and #7 above.
- e. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code - No discussion or updates presented.
- f. Investigative committee for the Green Code – Brent Tokita informed that he tracked several 2015 legislative bills that proposed to adopt the green code in its entirety. He provided information to the Legislature that recommended the adoption of any green code provisions be evaluated by the SBCC as the state’s building code adoption body.
- g. Investigative committee for the State Fire Code – Former Chair Bratakos stated that the investigative committee met on July 6-7, 2016, and completed its evaluation of all the previous state fire code amendments. The next step is to review all the significant changes in 2015 edition of the National Fire Protection Association 1 Fire Code with the currently adopted 2012 edition.
- h. Investigative committee on communication and training – Member Wiig reported the proposed administrative rules for the state energy conservation code is on the DBEDT website.

Former Chair Bratakos attended the VERGE Hawaii Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit conference that provided significant updates related to energy efficiency and was attended by numerous energy stakeholders. DBEDT was a partnering sponsor.

Member Rogers informed that Underwriters Laboratory would like to conduct training sessions on each county on its available resources and tools, energy storage, carbon monoxide, and firefighter safety. Further information will be provided to the SBCC.

- i. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council – No updates presented.

12. Update on county and state adoption of building codes

The ordinances for the 2012 UPC and the 2014 NEC is with the Kauai County Council for final action. A request has been sent to defer further hearings till October, to allow the 2012 UPC issues to be resolved at the City and County of

Honolulu and for the adoption of the state electrical code to be completed. A City Council hearing was scheduled for Honolulu's adoption of the 2012 edition of the UPC, even though it is still being reviewed by the Corporation Counsel.

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

No new agenda items were presented.

14. Announcements

There will not be an Energy Committee meeting following this meeting.

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

Motion: Member Ueno motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.