STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 119, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96810-0119

State Building Code Council (SBCC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Department of Accounting and General Services
Comptroller’s Conference Room 410
Kalanikupule Building
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Building “E”, First Floor
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Minutes

Lyle Carden  SBCC Member
Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii
(SEAOH)

Douglas Haigh  SBCC Member
County of Kauai

Willard Nishigata  SBCC Member
City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)

Lloyd Rogers  SBCC Member
State Fire Council (SFC)

Gregg Serikaku  SBCC Member
Subcontractors Association of Hawaii
Neal Tanaka (phone in)  
SBCC Member  
Hawaii County Department of Public Works

Glen Ueno  
SBCC Member  
County of Maui

Tyler Dillon  
SBCC Vice Chair  
General Contractors Association (GCA) of Hawaii

Richard Myers  
SBCC Member  
American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Members Not Present:

Howard Wiig  
SBCC Chair  
Hawaii State Energy Office

Dennis Mendoza  
SBCC Member  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Elevator Division (DLIR)

Other Attendees

Mark Kennedy  
Building Industry Association of Hawaii  
Haseko Project Manager

Sehun Nakama  
Hawaii Energy

Kika Bukoski  
Plumbers and Fitters Local 675

Nani Medeiros  
Home Aid Hawaii

Tim Caires  
Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)

Eric Nishimoto  
DAGS Public Works Division (PWD)

Stella Kam  
Department of the Attorney General

Tyson Toyama  
American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH)

Gordon Wood  
DAGS PWD

Yusraa Tadj  
Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management
1. **Call to Order:** the Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. **Introductions and Public Comments**

   a. Justine Nihipali from OP-CZM described efforts by her agency to refine tsunami mapping for the State. She requested support from the SBCC for the OP-CZM’s grant submission proposal, *Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Maps for Hawaii (Counties of Maui and Kauai).*

   **Motion:** Member Haigh motioned to approve Ms. Nihipali’s request for support. The motion was seconded by member Carden. All members voted aye except for member Tanaka who voted nay.

   b. Tyson Toyama from ACECH asked if his organization could be involved with the code amendment process. He explained the ACECH represents 65 Hawaii firms with experience in all code disciplines. Member Haigh agreed the Mechanical Code is underrepresented on the SBCC.

   c. Nani Medeiros from Home Aid Hawaii described the efforts by her agency to resolve the Hawaii housing crises and homelessness. Ms. Medeiros inquired on the application of building codes to tiny homes erected on State land. SBCC members discussed the application of various codes to her the subject of her inquiry.

3. **Review and approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting.**

   **Motion:** Member Haigh motioned to approve the November 19, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by member Ueno and unanimously approved.

4. **Updates from the Investigative Committees:**
a. Investigative committee for the Structural Provisions for the IBC and the IRC 2018 Editions

Member Carden explained the draft of structural provisions were delivered to member Myers and he is the process of combining structural provisions and non-structural provisions. Member Carden also described amendments to the seismic design category – maintaining category “C” for east Honolulu through urban Honolulu is recommended because category “D” triggers stricter requirements.

b. Investigative committee for the Non-Structural Provisions of the IBC and the IRC 2018 Editions

Member Myers explained non-structural provisions for 2018 contain significant changes in comparison to the prior edition and he will have a document for the next SBCC meeting in January 2020.


There was no update.

d. Investigative committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) 2018 Edition

Member Serikaku stated that the automatic adoption of the UPC 2018 Edition occurs in January 2020 and final amendments by the committee were pending some counties have concerns regarding the amendments.

e. Investigative committee for the Green Code 2018 Edition

There was no update.

f. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code

There was no update.


Gary Lum from the SFC stated the Hawaii amendment package was submitted to the clerical staff for editing and input from the State Attorney General was pending.

h. Investigative committee for the Energy Efficiency Code Coordination
There was no update.

i. Investigative committee for the State Elevator Code

There was no update.

k. Investigative committee for the International Existing Building Code 2018 Edition

Member Carden stated that the committee’s final meeting is in January and the amendment drafting process continues which should be finalized in early 2020.

l. Investigative committee for Boiler and Pressure Vessels

There was no update.

m. Investigative committee on Health Care Facility Guidelines

Member Dillion stated the committee met and explored the proposed support letter by the SBCC. There was discussion SBCC on whether the Department of Health should be the lead agency to administer and publish the Health Care Facility Guidelines due to the perception that the guidelines are not within the scope of the SBCC.

5. Update on communication and training

a. Kraig Stevenson from the ICC explained his agency provided training on Kauai through a funding partnership. He also inquired about the tentative dates for the 2020 Hawaii Association of County Building Officials conference.

b. Dwight Perkins from IAPMO explained his agency was also willing to participate and provide training for Hawaii building officials and industry personnel.

6. Update on county and state adoption of building codes

a. Member Tanaka stated the Hawaii County Council is considering adoption of amendments package similar to that of Maui and Kauai Counties for the 2015 IECC.

b. Member Haigh stated the Kauai County Council will consider adoption of the appendix regarding tiny home for the 2018 International Residential codes.
c. There was a discussion amongst SBCC members regarding which State agency is enforcing the code(s) for State facilities.

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

a. Member Rogers explained that the 2020 Legislative session opens in January.

b. Member Haigh stated the Kauai County Council will consider adoption of the appendix regarding tiny home for the 2018 International Residential codes.

c. There was a discussion amongst SBCC members regarding the frequency of voting cycle for the SBCC chair and vice chair.

8. Announcements

Gary Lum described the efforts and participation of the SFC on the task force to establish cost estimates for fire sprinkler systems in new one- and two-family residential dwelling construction as specified in Senate Concurrent Resolution 3 from 2019.

9. Next meeting: January 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

10. Adjournment

**Motion:** Member Haigh motioned to adjourn meeting 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by member Tanaka and unanimously approved.