State Building Code Council (SBCC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022
9:00 a.m.

A virtual zoom meeting was held pursuant to the Proclamation issued by Governor David Ige, relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to allow public participation in a manner consistent with social distancing practices.

1. The meeting was called to order by SBCC Chair Howard Wiig at 9:00 a.m.

S. Kam (AG) reminded the audience that all voting members must be displayed visually. A quorum of visible members was established.

Chair Wiig summarized the requirements regarding oral testimony. W. Nishigata agreed to serve as timer.

2. Introductions of the following attendees present were made:

   Howard Wiig        SBCC Chair
                      Hawaii State Energy Office
                      Department of Business, Economic
                      Development and Tourism (DBEDT)

   Lyle Carden        SBCC Vice Chair
                      Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii (SEAOH)

   Ryan Koga          SBCC Member, County of Kauai
Chair Wiig introduced Keith Sawamura as the BIA’s new representative. Chair Wiig noted that DAGS Administration had entered Mr. Sawamura as a new voting member.

**Other Attendees**

Zoe LaMantia  Green Energy Building Hawaii

Evan Fong  Elevator Contractors

Kika Bukoski  Plumbers and Fitters Local 675

Gail Suzuki-Jones  Hawaii State Energy Office

Wade Shimabukuro  County of Maui

Stella Kam  Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

Steven Gangwes  DR Horton
3. Public Comments

K. Luoma, WSP, noted the list of current codes on the SBCC website was not up to date and counterproductive for building designers. The chairs of the code working groups each said they would update their codes. K. Luoma then said that the county websites on prevailing codes were likewise out of date. Each of the county building managers indicated they would update their websites. B. Lee of LECET agreed with K. Luoma.

K. Luoma had a question about the State Elevator Code, since they’re following 2018 code for new buildings, but for elevators they still have to follow the 2012 code which requires an unnecessary vent which results in wasted energy.

E. Fong is on the licensing board but not directly with the elevator directors. Elevators are on the 2010 code. He will check on any updates.

4. Proposed Adoption of the 2020 NEC
W. Nishigata announced they forwarded the 2020 NEC from SBO to SBCC unamended for adoption. Motion made by G. Lum, seconded by G. Serikaku. Chair asked for any discussion. Motion adopted with unanimous consent, bringing Hawaii up to date on all major building codes.

S. Gangwes queried about the deadline for counties for adoption of the 2020 code.

5. Timeline for adoption of all different codes
L. Cardin stated that he would begin the process of updating the code adoption timeline of the IRC, IBC and existing buildings. He would send the update to membership to add their adoption dates.


The chairs of several working groups reiterated that they would be commencing work on the 2021 iterations of their codes. IECC chair Wiig stated that an IECC 2021 working group would be formed and invited statements of interest in joining the working group.

7. Update on Communication and Training
G. Honold, Regional Director of the NFPA, announced that they will be providing post-adoption training regarding the fire code. K. Bukoski announced that training on IAMPO would be offered. Chair Wiig stated that the Energy office was offering three webinars regarding energy efficiency and would send to the assembled.

8. Update on County and State Adoption of Building Codes
All four counties reported progress on updating some of their 2018 codes to the 2021 iterations.

9. Discussion of Possible Agenda Item(s) for Next Council meeting
G. Lum said that the issue of sprinklers in new multifamily buildings would need revisiting. K. Bukoski brought attention to HB1747 requiring fiscal impact studies. He queried how stakeholders know if a code is being discussed for potential adoption and when they will have an opportunity to review what is proposed.

10. No announcements

11. Chair Wiig stated that a SBCC meeting would be scheduled when the adoption of a new code was imminent.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.