

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF January 13, 2009 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Douglas Haigh, Ralph Nagamine, Russ Saito, Jerry Haruno, Brian Kajikawa, Socrates Bratakos, Timothy Hiu Excused: William Brizee and Keith Rudolph Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

1. Russ Saito called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. The minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The following members of the public introduced themselves, Kraig Stevenson and Kevin Scott of the International Code Council (ICC), Beth Arnoult, Richard Skaff, Leslie Williams, and Jean Tessmer via telephone, Duane Buote of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA, Keith Tanaka, DOE
4. Investigative committees.
 - a. Structural Standards and Provisions; The chair of the investigative committee reported the committee will need to continue on as the hurricane protective shelter criteria and other work of the committee has only been incorporated into the IBC and work remains in other codes such as the IRC.
 - b. Further discussion from the investigative committee was suspended as members of the public joined on a teleconference call.
5. Public comment
Jean Tessmer, John Hartman, Richard Skaff, Leslie Williams, and Beth Arnoult joined the meeting via teleconference to discuss John Hartman's December 31, 2008 petition on the inclusion of accessibility amendments in the 2006 IBC amendments adopted by the Council. The Chair noted that a decision on the petition could not be made as it was not an agenda item. After discussion with this group, the Chair and Council forwarded the petition to the Subcommittee of County Building Officials for review at their next meeting as required in Act 82, SLH 2007 which created the Council. The group requested participation at the Subcommittee meeting and the Chair noted that the meeting agenda will be posted on the Council website and Kerry Yoneshige will contact Beth Arnoult on the meeting date and time.
6. Investigative Committees
 - a. Structural Standards and Provisions; The chair of the investigative committee presented a report which outlined the need for the committee to continue on as the hurricane protective shelter criteria needs to be applied

to the International Residential Code and next cycle of ICC codes which are published in 2009.

- b. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; The chair was not present and no report was made.
 - c. State Fire Code; Being revised to exclude from sprinkler retrofit requirements; existing public assembly areas with occupancy requirements exceeding 100 people, health care occupancies, and existing detention and corrections facilities.
 - d. Plumbing Code; Responses from the Department of Health, PAMCA and the Plumbers were reviewed by the Council. The Subcommittee will review the comments and responses at their next meeting.
 - e. International Energy Conservation Code; Issue was discussed on whether the ASHRAE code was more stringent than the IECC. Howard stated that in discussion with Kraig Stevenson, there were areas that both codes may have been more stringent than the other one, and in conclusion the differences wash meaning the ASHRAE is not more stringent than the IECC. The Council Chair requested that there be validation and Howard Wiig volunteered to check with the Department of Energy to get their opinion.
 - f. Electrical Code: A draft administrative rule to adopt the National Electrical Code was drafted by Tim Hiu and will be reviewed at the next Subcommittee meeting.
 - g. Elevator Code: Committee chair absent, no report.
7. Decision on the IECC draft dated December 9, 2008. Doug made a motion that the IECC be adopted by the Council, Tim seconded. Russ requested that the adoption be subject to validation that the IECC is no less stringent than the ASHRAE code. The motion with the qualification was unanimously approved.
8. On the status of the adoption of the UPC, request for assistance was made for preparation of draft administrative rules. Gregg Serikaku noted the assistance may come from Dwight Perkins of IAPMO. Kerry Yoneshige was also asked to forward DAGS and DOE comments on the UPC to Gregg Serikaku and Vernon Taa.
9. The Council was provided a flow chart on the process to adopt administrative rules by Kerry Yoneshige.

10. Kevin Scott noted that he had been in discussion with the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) staff to incorporate their comments into the Building Code draft rules.
11. Socrates also agreed to include the Council in the State Fire Code administrative rule hearings, eliminating the need for the Council to have its individual hearing on the same code subject to the State Fire Council's AG approving the combined hearing.
12. The draft administrative rules for the IECC will be sent to the LRB for review.
13. The Council discussed the approval process on whether to hold separate hearings for each code or hold one hearing on multiple codes. Another alternative was discussed to have separate hearings on the same day, one code heard after another. It was also requested that there only be one hearing for all islands and that the ground rules for the hearing be published. Socrates noted that the draft administrative rules did not need to be published and that a website reference would suffice.
14. Jerry Haruno had no update on the grey water draft administrative rules and commented that the mechanical code was going to the AG for review. The major change in the mechanical code was to focus on as built inspections versus plan review requirements. The Plumbers union requested to be included in discussion on the grey water administrative rule preparation.
15. Tim made a motion for the AG to review and provide opinion on existence of duplicate codes relative to the DOH and the UPC. Doug seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Gary will draft the question to the AG for the Chair.
16. Agenda items for the next meeting
 - a. Identify all codes the Council wishes to adopt
 - b. Review of proposed legislation
 - c. Adoption of the NEC, UPC, State Fire Code, and accessibility provisions from John Hartman
17. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.