

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES of February 10 , 2009 MEETING**

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

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. The minutes of the December 9, 2008 and January 13, 2009 meetings were reviewed and approved.
3. Gary Chock was requested to prepare a request to the Attorney general for an opinion on the relationship between codes adopted by the Council and those in place by other state departments.
4. The following members of the public introduced themselves, via telephone, Kraig Stevenson and Kevin Scott of the International Code Council (ICC), Richard Skaff, Leslie Williams, and Jean Tessmer. Members of the public present were Mona Higa of the Department of Health Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB), Howard Wiig, DBEDT, Vernon Ta'a, Local Union 675, Gregg Serikaku, PAMCA.
5. Public comment
Jean Tessmer, Richard Skaff, and Leslie Williams discussed John Hartman's December 31, 2008 petition on the inclusion of accessibility amendments in the 2006 IBC amendments adopted by the Council. Main focus on the discussion was the need to adopt accessibility provisions in the IBC amendments, specifically, the UFAS. The Council members expressed concern on the adoption of accessibility codes that had not been approved by the Department of Justice. Jean Tessmer also noted that revised amendments would be submitted removing the administrative provisions that were included in the December 31, 2008 submission and will work with the Mayor's Council on Disabilities for inclusion of the administrative provisions.
6. The Chair joined the meeting at approximately 10:00 am.
7. The Chair said that the testimonies provided on legislation to adopt codes was to oppose or object. Examples of such legislation covered greywater, IECC adoption standards and requirements, and native Hawaiian architecture, all different from the current law on building codes.
8. Investigative Committees

- a. Structural Standards and Provisions; No activities to report.
 - b. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code; The chair presented a report of the committee noting that the amendments would delete references in the International Residential Code (IRC) to the energy conservation, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing portions of the code with references to the State Codes; IECC, NEC, UPC, and State Department of Health regulations. The committee noted a residential code needs to be adopted.
 - c. State Fire Code; Has been 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; The Subcommittee is reviewing amendments to the Uniform Plumbing Code and is planning to complete the review and approve them at their March meeting.
 - e. International Energy Conservation Code; Howard presented a press release from the International Code Council which publicizes the Department of Energy's ruling in the Federal Register which clears the way for establishing the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code as a safe harbor equivalent to the ASHRAE 90.1 standard.
 - f. Electrical Code: No activities to report.
 - g. Elevator Code: The committee chair reported that the new boiler rules were completed and the new elevator codes should be completed in a month.
9. Tim Hiu, Chair of the Subcommittee of County Building Officials recommended that the State Fire Code and 2008 National Electrical Code be adopted as the State Fire Code and the State Electrical Code. The Council accepted the recommendation and will vote at the March meeting to adopt the two recommended codes.
10. The Subcommittee also recommended support for Senate Bill 2458. Council will vote at the next meeting on this recommendation.
11. Status on adoption of administrative rules.
- a. Kerry Yoneshige reported that only changes on IBC amendments for the appendices needed to be done after which submission to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) and Attorney General (AG) could be done.
 - b. Socrates Bratakos and Kerry Yoneshige will check with the respective AGs on how the signature line on the State Fire Code should be shown.

c. Kerry Yoneshige will be submitting the IECC to the LRB for review.

12. The Chair discussed different codes and where they were covered in the codes currently being reviewed by the Council or to be covered by the Council. After discussion, it was decided that the list of codes would be distributed at the next Council meeting and a formal review would be done to identify the codes to be adopted by the Council and those addressed or included as part of other codes adopted.
13. Gary Chock was also requested to develop a form for submission of amendments to the Council and to present it at the next meeting.
14. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.