

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2012 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Gary Chock, Douglas Haigh, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Socrates Bratakos, Dean Seki, Clifford Smith and Jai Ho Cheng (via Video Conferencing), Staff present: Alvin Tamashiro and Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS); and Patricia Ohara, Department of Attorney General Office.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.
2. The minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revisions.
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Ann Ogata-Deal, Mark Unemori, (DBEDT); Dan Chun, American Institute of Architects; William Brizee; Peter Lee; Dwight Perkins (IAPMO); Gladys Marrone, BIA; and Kraig Stevenson and Kevin Scott, International Code Council (via teleconference)
4. Public comments: Kevin Scott of the ICC noted that all ICC codes are available on line at no cost.
5. Report from the Subcommittee of County Building Official (the Subcommittee) recommends that the 2009 International Residential Code be adopted with amendments. The Subcommittee made various revisions to the proposed amendments, the most significant clarifying the definition of wind borne debris and changing the effective date of section R313.2 from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2015. Details of the revisions made by the Subcommittee are incorporated by reference to the minutes of the Subcommittee meeting held on March 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.. and decision-making. Doug Haigh made a motion and Gary Chock seconded the motion to approve the Subcommittee's recommendation. The Council members present voted to approve the recommendation except for Clifford Smith who abstained from voting.
6. The Council reviewed the public proposal request from MW Group to amend the 2009 State Building Code in the section regarding assisted living. The Chair transmitted this proposal to the Subcommittee for evaluation and requested that the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services be asked to comment on the proposal request prior to the next meeting so that the Subcommittee can act on this proposal. The AIA was also asked to comment on this request.

7. Members discussed the memo from DAGS regarding the ceasing of administrative support effective June 30, 2012. The Council discussed different options to fund its activities. Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council was asked how other states funded their building code councils and his response was that they charged either a flat transaction fee (\$4.50 per permit) or a percentage of the permit amount. After further discussion Council members would also pursue discussion with legislators to provide funding for the Council.
8. Legislative update, Council members discussed HB 2358 (natural disaster commission and fund for the commission and the Council) and SB 2397 (prohibits counties from requiring fire sprinklers in various buildings).
9. Committee updates
 - a. 2009 Energy Efficiency Standards; chair reported that training on the IECC was conducted on all islands and approximately 260 people attended
 - b. State Fire Code; the State Fire Council reviewed the request from the BIA and will be recommending against approval
 - c. Training; the County of Kauai will hold plan review classes in Kauai on the 2006 IBC
10. Next Meeting Agenda
 - a. Subcommittee meeting at 8:30 a.m. on MW associates public proposal for amendment regarding assisted living facilities
 - b. Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. to address subcommittee recommendation on MW Associates public proposal for amendment
11. Next meeting date; April 10, 2012
12. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.