

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF June 15, 2011 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Jai Ho Cheng, Bruce Coppa, Socrates Bratakos, Douglas Haigh, Jennifer Shishido, Gary Chock, William Brizee. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige and James Kurata, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.
2. The minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved subject to revision of item 5f to eliminate an extra word "when".
3. The following members of the public were in attendance; Howard Wiig, Mark Unemori, Ann Ogata-Deal, Department of Business Economic Development; Harold McDermott, Local 675; Gladys Quinto Marroru, BIA-Hawaii; Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (via teleconference); Gregg Serikaku, Pamca; David Lovelace and Robert Aquino, HETF, Maurice Morita, Hawaii CECET, James Toma, Department of Health
4. Kraig Stevenson from ICC provided comment that the U.S. Department of Labor has provided a safe harbor for a portion of the International Fire Code (IFC) which covers the fire protection areas
5. The Council discussed the process to adopt amendments to the model building and the following points were noted
 - a. It takes on average 2 years to adopt administrative rules, fastest seen by a Council member was 6 months
 - b. The preparation of the amendments requires ramseyer formatting which continues to challenge the Council and is stalling the administrative rule adoption process as resources are not available to prepare the draft and final rules in the required format.
 - c. Comptroller noted that funding is not available from the State and assistance for resources should be sought from the private industry
 - d. The Governor and mayors need to be on board with the mission of the Council to facilitate the approval/adoption process at the State and county levels
 - e. Possible legislative changes; adjust the time the Council has to adopt the new versions of the model building codes and changing the composition of the Council so some of the current members only attend when needed (removed as voting members).
 - f. Formation of investigative committee to flowchart the administrative rule adoption process so that the Comptroller can take this to various industries (building groups, insurance association, etc.) to point out the

road blocks the Council faces and the areas where private industry can provide resources to remove the roadblocks. Timothy Hiu and Gary Chock will prepare the flowchart.

- g. Comptroller noted that the options for the Council are as follows:
 1. Obtain funding
 2. Obtain resources from private industry
 3. Abolish the Council

6. Report from the Investigative Committee on the 2009 IECC; chair of the committee reported that the investigative committee was meeting after the Council meeting to review the amendments and the report would be presented at the next meeting.

7. Legislation; Socrates Bratakos recommended the following actions for the legislative resolutions on the agenda which the Council adopted.
 - a. SCR 24; no action required as the Council currently has a representative on the Home for Life Taskforce
 - b. SCR 47; no action required as the Council has requested that the work be performed by the Investigative Committee for Fire Sprinkler implementation in new 1 and 2 family dwellings.
 - c. SCR 263; no action required as fire sprinklers are required in new condominiums and other high rises

- SCR 58 was not discussed.

8. Adoption of Building codes; Kerry Yoneshige noted that preliminary public hearing for the residential code will be on August 5, 2011.

9. Next meeting agenda items
 - a. Update on the investigative committee preparing the flowchart of the administrative rules process.
 - b. Report from the investigative committee on the 2009 IECC

10. The next meeting date will be July 12, 2011 at 9:00a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.