

State Building Code Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)
Comptroller's Conference Room 410
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Minutes

1. Call to Order by Chair Socrates Bratakos: 9:12 a.m., Attendees - see lists
2. Introductions and Public Comments:

Kraig Stevenson of the International Code Council (ICC) informed that the ICC's annual conference business meeting completed its review of the 2018 edition code documents.
3. **Motion:** Member Reinhardt motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Administrative rules for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), 2012 edition is still pending justification comments for the International Plumbing Code and deleted appendices. Chair and Vice Chair to follow-up with Tim Hiu. Member Gregg Serikaku will forward rules to DAGS for submittal to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) for review/comments.
5. Administrative rules have been completed and the process for adopting the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2014 edition. Chair will forward rules to DAGS for submittal to the LRB for review/comments.
6. The structural provisions amendment package for the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC), 2012 editions are awaiting the merger with the non-structural amendments as final administrative rules documents before final SBCC approval. The due date for an application for a Federal Emergency Management Association grant to fund the adoption process is in November 2015.

7. The investigative committee for non-structural provisions to the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Building Code (IBC), 2012 editions, completed its presentation to the Subcommittee of Building Officials (SBO) on the IRC and is about one-half completed on the IBC. Only three of the four SBO members were present and there were no decisions made. These provisions need to be administrative rule formatted and member Johnson has provided the committee the 2009 edition non-structural amendment package in administrative rules format.
8. Standard and ramseyer formatting is in progress for the International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 edition.
9. Gary Chock provided a handout, then summarized the current effort to provide building code amendments to reduce existing and future building stock vulnerability to coastal hazards and climate impacts. Items covered included project objectives, Honolulu's land use ordinance, building/residential code, shoreline setbacks, flood ordinance, etc. Also included were a draft list of proposed code amendments.
10. Discussion of Future Administration Support – Lloyd Rogers provided a summary of the meeting with the DAGS Comptroller. Items discussed were the history of the SBCC, no funding for staff support positions, the importance of adopting current national model codes and some negative consequences of not doing so. Also discussed possible future funding options. The Comptroller indicated he would meet with the Governor to discuss.
11. Updates from the investigative committees:
 - a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2012 IBC and IRC, Gaur Johnson – Review of the IRC 2012 edition will begin.
 - b. Investigative committee for the 2012 IBC & IRC, James Reinhardt- See item 7 above.
 - c. Investigative committee on communication and training, Howard Wiig. Training to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2015 edition and the proposed administrative rules will be conducted in each county during the week of November 2-9, 2015. The Pacific Building Trade Expo will be held on November 17, 2015 at the Hawaii Convention Center.
 - d. Investigative committee for a mechanical code, Richard Beall - No report. There was a discussion on the status of the mechanical code representative not being in attendance for several months and if another one should be considered. The International Code Council was requested to provide information/training on the mechanical code.
 - e. Investigative committee for Green Code, Sherman Wong - No report.
 - f. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council, John Cheung –No report

Kraig Stevenson will research ICC memberships from SBCC members.

- g. Investigative committee for the 2015 State Fire Code. Investigative committee has planned meetings in November 2015 and January 2016. Training on the 2012 state fire code is scheduled for the week of February 22, 2016, in each county.

12. Update on county and state adoption of building codes

Honolulu City Council had a third hearing of the currently adopted state fire code on September 2, 2015. Chair Bratakos informed that an amendment has been included to allow cut Christmas trees in assembly occupancies. This proposal is contrary to the national and state fire codes.

Chair met with Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Martin to discuss a resolution urging the SBCC to adopt the most current national codes. Chair Bratakos informed the Council Chair about the SBCC having no staff since its inception in 2007.

13. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting

Deputy Attorney General will research and report on the validity of building code administrative rules in conflict with current statutes and if legal challenges may result.

14. Announcements – No announcements

15. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

16. **Motion:** Member Glen Ueno motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.