

State Building Code Council Meeting (SBCC)
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
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 Vice Chair Willard Nishigata: 9:03 a.m., Attendees - see lists
2. Introductions and Public Comments:
 - a. Kraig Stevenson informed that the President of the United States signed an executive order which requires new, altered, federally leased, financed, or regulated buildings to comply with the earthquake-resistant standards of the 2015 editions of the International Building Code (IBC) or the International Residential Code (IRC). Newly constructed buildings with financing through federal grants or loans must also comply.
 - b. Kraig requested the SBCC or the counties consider seeking the Governor or the Mayors to issue a proclamation bringing public awareness to the International Code Council's month of May 2016 as Building Safety Month.
 - c. Member Wiig informed that government entities who are ICC members can sign up to vote electronically on code proposals after the hearings have been conducted. Since electronic votes count equally, electronic voters could overturn decisions made at the hearings. Voters are restricted to those who have their primary responsibility to formulate building codes.
3. Review and approval of minutes of February 9, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Member Wiig motioned to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Administrative rules for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), 2012 edition. The next step is to prepare the Small Business Impact Statement, submit to the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) who will schedule a hearing. Member Serikaku is facilitating the adoption process.
5. Administrative rules for the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2014 edition. SBRRB hearing was held on February 17, 2016. Small businesses may have a cost impact by the requirement to have compliant portable generators, power cords, and ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) devices. However, less costly power cords and other devices with GFCI's are readily available. The Board approved the proposed administrative rules. Next step is to request the Governor's approval for a public hearing.
6. Approval of the Structural and Non-Structural Provisions amendment package for the 2012 International Building Code (IBC). Member Johnson informed that reformatting is still in progress for the International Building Code (IBC) 2012 edition. The Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii is reviewing the International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 edition, including the upgrades to wind provisions. They are also comparing these differences to the IRC 2015 edition.
7. The 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2012 UPC and 2014 NEC public hearings. The SBRRB hearing approved the proposed administrative rules to the IECC 2015 edition. Next step is the request the Governor's approval for a public hearing. See above item 4 for status updates to the 2012 UPC and item 5 for the 2014 NEC.
8. Discussion of Future Administration Support –Former SBCC Chair Bratakos reported the funds appropriated for the SBCC have lapsed. He informed the Governor's staff that funding bills for the SBCC are proceeding through the current legislative session.
9. Discussion of 2016 Legislation. Two SBCC appropriation bills, SB 2638 and HB 2051, have crossed over. Other related bills that are proceeding are allowing agricultural properties to have residential care homes, farm worker residences and indigenous structures without building code requirements or permits.

Margaret Larson, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) informed the Council that a bill is proceeding through this session to have better enforcement of an existing statute that requires new projects to have electric vehicle parking/charging stations when there are 100 or more parking stalls.

10. Updates from the investigative committees:
 - a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2012 IBC and IRC, Gaur Johnson – See item 6 above for updates to the IBC.

- b. Investigative committee for the 2012 IBC & IRC, James Reinhardt – No update.
 - c. Investigative committee on communication and training, Howard Wiig. Training will be scheduled when the IECC 2015 edition is adopted. DBEDT is considering web-based training formats. State Fire Code training was held in each county for authorities having jurisdiction.
 - d. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council, John Cheung –No report
 - e. Investigative committee for Green Code, Sherman Wong - No report. Member Wiig reported that Sherman Wong is now working for the University of Hawaii.
 - f. Investigative committee for the 2015 State Fire Code – Review of the 2015 state fire code is continuing. Former SBCC Chair Bratakos reported that the investigative committee has completed their review through Chapter 24 of the National Fire Protection Association 1 Fire Code, 2015 edition. He anticipates a completion by the end of this year.
11. Update on county and state adoption of building codes
- Kauai is proceeding with an ordinance to adopt the IECC 2015 edition.
12. Election of Chair, election of Vice Chair if needed. Member Gaur Johnson was elected SBCC Chair. The Vice Chair remains as Willard Nishigata. The State Fire Council will continue its support role.
13. ICC Membership for SBCC Voting Members. The SBCC was informed that there would need to be a statute revision to allow the acceptance of donated funds for code organization membership. A possible alternative is for a private organization to purchase the membership(s) for the SBCC member(s) directly. SBCC voting members would not be allowed to represent more than one agency or organization.
14. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting. None
15. Announcements – An energy meeting will follow the end of the SBCC meeting.
16. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
17. **Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.