

State Building Code Council Meeting (SBCC)  
Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

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

1. Call to Order by Chair Gaur Johnson: 9:00 a.m., Attendees - see lists
2. Introductions and Public Comments:
  - a. Bill Breezie shared information of a homeowner who renovated and was required to install low-flow plumbing fixtures, which resulted in an inadequate movement of sewage disposal. Plumbers were repeatedly called to alleviate the situation. Discussion followed on possible remedies or variances to the low-flow requirement.
  - b. Kraig Stevenson expressed his appreciation for the Council's effort in facilitating last month's proclamation signing by the Governor, designating May as "Building Safety Month" in Hawaii.
3. Review and approval of minutes of April 12, 2016 meeting.

**Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Administrative rules for the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC), 2012 edition. No new update from the previous meeting.

Member Serikaku discussed the future public hearings for the state plumbing code and who may be available to provide answers to questions on the administrative rules. Deputy Attorney General Kam advised that questions at public hearings don't necessitate immediate answers, but only acknowledgement of the questions or comments. However, the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB)

hearing will need to provide answers to any questions raised for board approval. It was noted that as the Subcommittee of Building Officials were the initiators of the state plumbing code amendments and they should attend the SBRRB hearing.

5. Administrative rules for the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2014 edition. No new update. Awaiting Governor's approval to hold public hearing.
6. Approval of the Structural and Non-Structural Provisions amendment package for the 2012 International Building Code (IBC).
  - a. Chair Johnson has completed the final draft and will be sending it to the other members. The Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii is trying to align similarities from the IBC with the International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 edition. No draft of these revisions have been finalized.
  - b. Chair Johnson received an inquiry from the Hawaii building industry magazine requesting information on the status updates to the Hawaii state building codes. He will provide the requested information.
7. The 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), 2012 UPC and 2014 NEC public hearings. No new update. Awaiting Governor's approval to hold IECC public hearing. See above item 4 for status updates to the UPC and item 5 for the NEC.
8. Discussion of Future Administration Support –Chair Johnson reported that after the Governor's proclamation signing for Building Safety Month, Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (HHRF) Board Chair, Mike Hamnett and former SBCC member Gary Chock discussed with the Governor and his Chief of Staff about using HHRF to fund adoption expenses for the IBC and IRC. They were open to further discussions at the conclusion of the legislative session.
9. Discussion of 2016 Legislation.

HB 2051, the SBCC appropriation bill did not pass conference committee.

Former Chair Bratakos provided comments regarding the past and current non-support of the Governor, the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Legislature. Considerable time and effort has been spent by the SBCC on administrative functions, including funding issues and options, budget proposals, meeting minutes/agendas, staff position descriptions, various legislative bills and testimonies. The SBCC discussed future options. The SBCC agreed to consider and plan its future efforts and actions, to focus on its primary mission to make amendments to the latest editions of national codes and standards.

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 and IRC.
- b. Investigative committee for the 2012 IBC & IRC, James Reinhardt – No update.
- c. Investigative committee for the IECC. Member Wiig provided information on future IECC webinars scheduled for May 23-26, 2016.
- d. Investigative committee for the UPC. See item 4 above.
- e. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code. No update or volunteers to chair this committee.
- f. Investigative committee for the Green Code. No update.
- g. Investigative committee for the State Fire Code.  
Socrates Bratakos informed that the committee is about half-way through its review of the National Fire Protection Association 1 Fire Code, 2015 edition. The review includes road access, water supply, agricultural buildings, in-fill residences, photovoltaic and battery storage installations, wildland urban interface properties, lunch wagons, fire alarm systems, elevators, fireworks, and crowd control.  
Investigative committee for the NEC. See item 5 above.
- h. Investigative committee on communication and training, Howard Wiig.  
Member Wiig attended the 2018 edition IECC code development meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.
- i. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council, John Cheung – Chair Gaur resent to DAGS requesting approval of a letter from the SBCC to the International Code Council (ICC) requesting that he be recognized as the SBCC primary contact for the purposes of establishing governmental membership responsibilities and access. He was advised that DAGS does not need to approve letters from attached agencies. The request will be re-sent to see if there are any objections.

#### 11. Update on county and state adoption of building codes

Kauai County Council passed final reading on the ordinance for their county fire code. Mayor's approval is pending.

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

There was a discussion on the county approval process for alternative materials and methods. It will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Chair Gaur directed each investigative committee to forward a report on its annual progress. He will compile and submit as part of the SBCC annual report to the Legislature.

#### 13. Announcements

An energy meeting will follow the end of the SBCC meeting.

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

15. **Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.