

State Building Code Council Meeting (SBCC)  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
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: 9:04 a.m., Attendees - see list
2. Introductions and Public Comments: After the introductions there were no public comments.
3. Review and approval of minutes of May 9, 2017 meeting.

**Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to approve the May 9, 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Scheduling of Future Adoption of Codes Listed in HRS 107-25.

Two written correspondences from Deputy Attorney General, Stella Kam, that were requested by the SBCC relating to HB 637 were discussed. The first correspondence advised that if the bill is signed into law, it would clarify that the SBCC adopts uniform building codes and standards. It provides that if the SBCC does not adopt the codes within two years of the official publication date, the codes in their original form becomes part the State Building Codes. The bill would not be applied retroactively and will apply only to the uniform codes or standards that are published after July 1, 2017.

The second correspondence advised that the SBCC is not mandated to promulgate administrative rules to adopt codes. DAGS is authorized to adopt administrative rules to the uniform codes. There is also no requirement that the counties wait for the promulgation of rules before taking action to amend and adopt updated codes. The counties are free to adopt updated codes at any time. These correspondences will be included as part of the approved meeting minutes.

Chair reported that a review of past meeting minutes revealed that the SBCC approved the drafted administrative rules to the uniform codes and authorized proceeding in the rule adoption process. At the time the SBCC believed it was their responsibility to promulgate administrative rules to the uniform codes.

Members reviewed a document that described the various steps in the code adoption process. Without the requirement to adopt rules, the SBCC will document only amendments to the uniform codes with consistent formatting, along with their justifications. In keeping with an open public forum, members agreed to inform past and current SBCC meeting participants and various code stakeholders on the review of all uniform codes and standards as it proceeds through the process. The revised adoption process document will be distributed by the Chair.

Chair discussed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant and the future impact of SB 637. The grant was to be used for adoption costs for the International Building and Residential Codes.

5. Administrative rule process for adopting the State Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) amendments. No update.
6. Administrative rule process for adopting for the State International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC).
  - a. Update from the Subcommittee of Building Officials on the structural and non-structural provisions to the International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 edition. The subcommittee continued its review of the IRC 2012 edition prior to this meeting. Member Haigh reported that the fire sprinkler requirement for townhouses will be left in and the residential sprinkler requirement for one- and two-family dwellings will be removed. They will let each county decide on which appendices to adopt. The review will continue prior to next month's SBCC meeting.
  - b. Report from the residential fire sprinkler investigative committee. Member Rogers distributed committee meeting minutes prior to this meeting. The positions of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Hawaii Housing Authority are in favor of not requiring residential fire sprinklers in the State Residential Code. The members discussed the costs and benefits that included savings from insurance discounts and lower post-fire recovery costs and displacement time when sprinklers are present. The committee minutes will be included as part of the approved meeting minutes.
  - b. Other Issues. There were no other issues.

7. Discussion of Future Administrative Support. The revised SBCC adoption process will be used to identify adoption costs for the FEMA grant.
8. Discussion of 2017 Legislation

The agenda item will be changed to “Discussion of 2018 Legislation”.

9. Updates from the investigative committees:
  - a. Investigative committee for structural provisions for the 2012 IBC and IRC. – See item #6.a. above.
  - b. Investigative committee for the non-structural 2012 provisions of IBC & IRC. Jim Reinhardt – See item #6a. above
  - c. Investigative committee for the IECC. Member Wiig reported that he received several inquiries about the county’s timeline to adopt their IECC ordinances. Hawaii County requires an ordinance adoption before any new designs are approved.
  - d. Investigative committee for the UPC – Member Serikaku stated they are reviewing water conservation requirements in the UPC 2015 edition and preparing for the review of the UPC 2018 edition when it is published next year.
  - e. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code - No update.
  - f. Investigative committee for the Green Code – No update.
  - g. Investigative committee for the State Fire Code – The committee will meet next week to finalize administrative rules to the State Fire Code 2015 edition.
  - h. Investigative committee for the National Electrical Code (NEC) – Member Haigh is working on draft State amendments to the 2017 NEC.
  - i. Investigative committee on energy efficiency code coordination – No update.
  - j. Investigative committee on communication and training.
    - 1) IECC 2015 edition training is being planned for each of the counties.
    - 2) NEC 2014 edition training has been scheduled for each county.
    - 3) Hawaii County of Building Officials annual conference held on Kauai was a success.

- k. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council (ICC) – Designated members have been registered to vote. Chair will inform the members on the next year’s voting registration.
  - l. Investigative committee for residential fire sprinklers in the State Residential Code. See item #6.b. above.
10. Update on county and state adoption of building codes. Kauai County is reviewing conflicts between State contractor licensing laws and existing county ordinances. Kauai will be reviewing only electronic building plans submittals effective January 1, 2018.
11. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting.
- Notify the Chair or member Rogers with any suggested agenda items.
12. Announcements – Possible presentation on hurricane debris study, wood panels for windows, and definition of “partially enclosed” buildings.
13. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. This is a change to the third Tuesday of each month, instead of the second Tuesday.

**Motion:** Member Wiig motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.