

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF February 12, 2008 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Gary Chock, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Winston Lum, Douglas Haigh, Brian Kajikawa, Keith Rudolph, and Russ Saito. Tomas See sat in for the Department of Health as a nonvoting member and Howard Wiig attended for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism as Chair of the investigative committee on the energy conservation code. Staff present: Kerry Yoneshige, Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS).

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Lawrence Lau, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), provided an overview of the direction the department is headed toward, principally, to promote energy and conservation efforts in concert with executive orders and legislation that address these areas. Mr. Lau also noted that the department's representative would be Jerry Haruno who was not able to make it to the meeting. Additionally, Mr. Haruno will provide a presentation on the codes covering air condition and ventilation at the next meeting.
3. The minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting were approved subject two revisions. The revisions were to include Howard Wiig as in attendance and the other was to address a formatting issue.
4. Keith Rudolph provided an overview of the codes administered by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). In a schedule distributed, many of the boiler codes and the ASME portion of the elevator code will be updated with newer versions in 2008. Mr. Rudolph also noted that once the codes are updated in 2008, the DLIR will move to a three year adoption process to update new codes through the administrative rule making process.
5. Tomas See provided a presentation on the difference between the HAR 11-62 and the International Private Sewage Disposal Codes (IPSDC). HAR 11-62 was last revised in 2004 and will be revised in 2009. Because of the permitting process, revisions to this code are necessary every five (5) years.
6. Report from investigative committees
 - a. Hiring of Executive Director and Executive Assistant: Kerry reported that the responsibilities of the executive director and assistant would be handled by a consultant under a proposal forwarded to the Governor requesting the release of \$80,000 for that purpose. The Council members noted that there will be a need for resources to put the code amendments into administrative rule format.

- b. Structural Standards and Provisions; Gary Chock provided the Council with a presentation “The State Building Code and Hawaii Wind Resistive Design Standards Specified by Act 82”. This presentation provided an overview of the work done by this investigative committee, its membership, and recommendations. After discussion, the Council members agreed that the code amendments from this committee would be incorporated into the IBC by way of subsequent chapters to the base code. The inclusion and notation of these subsequent chapters would serve as place holders for these amendments.
 - c. International Building Code (IBC); Chair of investigative committee noted that the committee has reviewed county amendments to identify statewide amendments and is compiling a list of proposed statewide amendments. This committee will be meeting with individuals from the Disabilities and Communication Access Board to address any required amendments. The Chair anticipates that the amendments will be finalized by the end of March. At this point, the amendments will still need to embodied in administrative rule language.
 - d. State Fire Code; Investigative committee chair reported that the AG has completed the review of the draft administrative rules and the results were presented at the State Fire Council meeting on January 25, 2008. The changes are only to format and the draft administrative rules for the new state fire code will need to be reviewed for impact on the small businesses.
 - e. Plumbing Code; Deferred until new DOH representative attends.
 - f. Energy Conservation Code: Howard Wiig reported on various residential and commercial code amendment proposals.
 - g. Electrical Code; The Council Chair reported that there was no change in status for this committee.
7. The Chair also distributed copies of a draft form to be used to process in code amendments and revisions. Kerry Yoneshige will solicit the Council for comments on the form and finalize it for use.
 8. Kerry Yoneshige reported on the responses from the AG on two questions from the prior meeting. First, it is not required to have State employees at an administrative rules hearing. Second, the State Fire Code would be transmitted to the Council after it has been adopted by way of approved Administrative Rules.
 9. Russ Saito reported on the funding request with the Governor and that it would be the counties responsibility to pay for training costs associated with the implementation of new codes. The executive director could provide the coordination for statewide training, but would not fund the cost of training.

10. During discussion on review of the bills which may affect the Council, Russ Saito noted that the Director of the Department to which an attached agency is attached to provides the testimony because for the Board to provide testimony requires Board approval which can only be attained following the Sunshine Law. It was noted that the Sunshine Law requires 6 day notification of the meeting and this would not be practical relative to Board approved testimony because legislative hearing notices provide only a 72 hour notice. Mr. Saito did note that individual Council members can provide testimony subsequent to approval by the department head.
11. No agenda items for the next meeting were identified.
12. Various upcoming seminars presented by FEMA, the Wood design industry, and HACBO were discussed.
13. The next meeting date will be March 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.