

**BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF March 11, 2008 MEETING**

Members in Attendance: William Brizee, Timothy Hiu, Ralph Nagamine, Socrates Bratakos, Douglas Haigh, Brian Kajikawa, Keith Rudolph, Jerry Haruno, and Russ Saito. 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), Patricia Ohara, Deputy Attorney General, Winston Lum, State Fire Council.

1. Timothy Hiu called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
2. Chair asked the Council if they would be open to a house rule which limits report presentations at the Council meetings to 5 minutes. This rule is not applicable to and does not limit discussion subsequent to report presentations. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed by the Council.
3. Jerry Haruno and Socrates Bratakos introduced themselves as the Department of Health and State Fire Council representatives, respectively.
4. The minutes from the February 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.
5. There were no comments from the members of the public.
6. Report from investigative committees
  - a. Hiring of Executive Director and Executive Assistant: Kerry reported that the Governor released \$80,000 to hire a consultant to fulfill the responsibilities of executive director and executive assistant. A request to the Governor for approval to hire a consultant has been submitted.
  - b. Structural Standards and Provisions; No report presented as the committee chair was not present.
  - c. International Building Code (IBC); Committee met with the Disabilities Communications and Access Board (DCAB) staff and suggestions from that meeting will be made to the DCAB board on March 19. The committee will also meet with the structural engineers to incorporate their recommendations. Doug Haigh made a motion to establish an investigative committee to address aging in place amendments. Ralph seconded. After discussion, the Council agreed that this investigative committee would be comprised of architects, code officials, State Fire Council, and the Department of Health. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

- d. State Fire Code; The comments of the Attorney General were incorporated into the new State Fire Code. The new State Fire Code will be presented to the Small Business Review Council at their March meeting.
  - e. Discussion was held on the process to review the IBC. It was agreed that at the April meeting, the IBC investigative committee would present their report to the Council and the subcommittee of the county building representatives would review and vote on the amendments subsequently.
  - f. Plumbing Code; Jerry Haruno will be reviewing the assignment of chair. Also, Jerry noted that for air conditioning requirements, the Department of Health would be revising the administrative rules in this area to address the health aspects. Building requirements would be left to the architects and engineers. A motion was made by Ralph and seconded by Doug that the investigative committee for the plumbing codes be renamed and expanded to include individual waste water systems. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - g. Energy Conservation Code: Howard Wiig reported that there are Department of the Energy employees now in Hawaii and the objective of the agreement with the State is to reduce energy consumption by 70% by 2030. After discussion on the basis for exemption from the energy code, it was agreed that the capacity of the main electrical breaker would be the basis. Howard also presented amendment proposals for residential and commercial buildings.
  - h. Electrical Code; The Council Chair reported that there was no change in status for this committee.
7. After the presentation from the Jerry Haruno on the air conditioning codes at the April meeting, the Council will decide on how to proceed with these codes.
  8. The investigative committee to hire the executive director and executive assistant will recommend to the Council a consultant to handle these responsibilities. The committee will also include Dough Haigh in addition to the current members who are William Brizee, Ralph Nagamine, Brian Kajikawa, Timothy Hiu.
  9. Kerry Yoneshige noted that there was approximately \$400 left for travel reimbursement. Discussion followed by various members on the need to fund education of county employees and the need for travel reimbursement. Russ Saito suggested that the Chair of the Council send a letter to the Governor through the Comptroller stating the need for the training and travel funding.
  10. The Chair noted that the May HACBO meeting will have time available in the afternoon of May 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a Council meeting. It was

agreed that the Council meeting agenda would be limited to investigative committee reports.

11. It was also requested that the responsibilities of the consultant who will perform the duties of the executive director include the maintaining of a website that can be used to disseminate information such as proposed code amendments.
12. The next meeting date will be April 8 at 9:00 a.m. in the Comptroller's Conference Room.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 p.m.