1. Call to Order  The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Chair Johnson. Due to problems with the telephone call-in line the meeting cannot be an official meeting. No decision making will be conducted.

2. Introductions and Public Comments

Mr. Peter Stone of Green Building Hawaii, commented that a certified home energy rater must successfully complete training to be certified by a Residential Energy Services Network Accredited Rating Provider. The training addresses several areas of building energy efficiency that relate to compliance inspections for new buildings built to the requirements of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

Mr. Brent Tokita, representing the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) commented that the USGBC Hawaii Branch no longer exists. Members in Hawaii are still part of the national organization.
Member Wiig commented that there are very few changes in the IECC 2018 edition compared with the 2015 edition. Two 2018 appendices allow renewables to be requirements, but need to be specifically adopted. Also, window technology is advancing so quickly that energy efficiency will increase dramatically. Of significant importance are the requirements for battery storage found in the Nation Electrical Code 2017 edition.

Chair commented that he received questions via email regarding the current status of state mechanical code, communications with other SBCC members and stakeholder organizations, and distance requirements of plumbing vent pipes to photovoltaic panels.

3. Review and approval of minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting.

Decision making will be conducted at the next meeting.

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

Bill Brizee of the American Institute of Architects Hawaii Chapter (AIA) commented that the AIA will begin its review of significant changes from the International Building and Residential Codes 2015 and 2018 editions and the Hawaii specific amendments.

5. Discussion of Future Administrative Support.

No discussion

6. Discussion of 2018 Legislation

No discussion

7. Discussion and Possible Decision to the Public Proposal to Amend the Proposed Amendment to the Uniform Plumbing Code 2012 Edition

The Deputy Attorney General (DAG) commented that the use of the International Plumbing Code in lieu of the Uniform Plumbing Code is within the scope of Hawaii Revised Statutes 107 and can be included as an amendment.

8. Discussion and Possible Approval to the State Residential Code Draft (International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 edition as amended)

The DAG commented that justifications for amendments to the state building codes are not legally required. Chair commented that justifications will be provided for IBC/IRC 2012 editions prior to the next meeting and that any future

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code amendments will have justifications in keeping with the SBCC’s policy of an open adoption process.


Updates will be provided to the SBCC website.

10. Discussion and Possible Approval of the State Electrical Code

No discussion

11. Updates from the investigative committees:

a. Investigative committee for the structural provisions for the IBC and the IRC
No updates.

b. Investigative committee for the non-structural provisions of the IBC and the IRC. No updates

c. Investigative committee for the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

Consultants have been hired to conduct compliance studies for commissioning new occupancies.

d. Investigative committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code A preprint of the UPC 2018 edition has been distributed.

e. Investigative committee for the Green Code No updates.

f. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code No updates.

g. Investigative committee for the State Fire Code The amendment package for the National Fire Protection Association 1 Fire Code 2015 edition has been approved by the state fire council. It will be distributed to the SBCC and placed on the website for review/comments in the near future.

h. Investigative committee for the energy efficiency code coordination No updates

i. Investigative committee on communication and training Training for the IECC 2015 edition is being planned beginning April 16, 2018. Chair has been
invited be a featured speaker at the 2018 Hawaii Association of County Building Officials to be held on Maui.

j. Investigative committee for SBCC membership with the International Code Council Those who requested are currently members.

12. Update on county and state adoption of building codes No updates.

13. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting Please contact the Chair or member Rogers for any possible agenda items.

14. Announcements

Kerry Yoneshige, DAGS Administrative Officer has retired. His replacement is Meoh-Leng Silliman. Member Rogers will follow up with Ms. Silliman on SB 637, regarding how any donated funds to support the SBCC will be handled by DAGS.

15. Next meeting: January 16, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

16. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.