State Building Code Council (SBCC) Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Minutes

1. A virtual zoom meeting was held pursuant to the Sixteenth Proclamation issued by Governor David Ige on November 23, 2020, relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to allow public participation in a manner consistent with social distancing practices. The meeting was called to order by SBCC Chair Howard Wiig at 9:30 a.m.

2. Introductions of the following attendees present were made:

   Howard Wiig  
   SBCC Chair  
   Hawaii State Energy Office  
   Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT)

   Lyle Carden  
   SBCC Vice Chair  
   Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii (SEAOH)

   Ryan Koga  
   SBCC Member, County of Kauai

   Neal Tanaka  
   SBCC Member, County of Hawaii  
   Department of Public Works

   Mark Kennedy  
   SBCC Member  
   Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA)

   Lloyd Rogers  
   SBCC Member  
   State Fire Council (SFC)

   Gregg Serikaku  
   SBCC Member  
   Subcontractors Association of Hawaii

   Rick Myers  
   SBCC Member  
   American Institute of Architects of Hawaii (AIA)

   Willard Nishigata  
   SBCC Member
Lance Nakamura
Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)
City and County of Honolulu
SBCC Member
Assistant Administrator
Department of Public Works, County of Maui

Members Not Present:

Dennis Mendoza
SBCC Member
Elevator Division
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Other Attendees

Dean Au
Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters

Richard Beall
Managing Principal, Beall & Associates, Inc.

Kika Bukoski
Plumbers and Fitters Local 675

Francis DeGracia
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

Christopher Delaunay
Pacific Resource Partnership

Stella Kam
Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

Joy Kimura
Hawaii Laborers and Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund (LECET), Government Affairs and Compliance

Nathaniel Kinney
Executive Director, Hawaii Construction Alliance

Ryan Kobayashi
Laborers International Union of North America Local 36

Darryl Oliveira
HPM Building Supply (HPM)

Dwight Perkins
International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)

D.J. Nunez
IAPMO (Field Manager)

Robyn Fisher
IAPMO

Kraig Stevenson
International Code Council (ICC)

Gail Suzuki-Jones
HSEO

Brian Lee
LECET
Bill Brizee
Architect, AHL Design

John Friedel
Department of Planning and Permitting, City and County of Honolulu

3. Discussion of Public Comments and Written Testimony Procedures

Chair Wiig reminded the attendees that oral public comments and testimony would be limited to three minutes, provided that the material presented would be new information. The time limit may be extended at the discretion of the SBCC Chair, or if an SBCC member has questions for the presenter. The time limitations would apply to members of the public and other meeting participants, but would not apply to SBCC voting members.

Member Rogers stated that written testimony received is posted on the SBCC website under Hawaii Building Codes Submitted Written Testimony.

Mr. Delaunay reiterated his concerns over Chapter 17 of the IBC and that an investigative committee concerning factory-built housing should be formed in accord with the sunshine law.

Mr. Kinney said that there were many definitions of factory-built housing and that “no special pathway” should be created for the. He also said that an investigative committee should be formed. He said that adequate time should be given to this issue. Mr. Rogers reiterated that the agenda included a section for this subject should be followed.

Review and approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Member Carden motioned to approve the minutes as revised and Member Kennedy seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended. Mr. Rogers asked if the recently adopted policies and procedures for running the Council needed to be reviewed once again. He said the three minute testimony rule was being ignored, adding to the burden of taking minutes. AG Kam suggested that the policies and procedures appear at the top of each agenda to remind testifiers. Mr. Nakamura clarified that three minutes were allowed for original oral testimony, one minute for repeat testimony. Mr. Carden suggested that this was best taken up when the 2021 codes will be considered. Mr. Oliveria voiced his support for formation of the investigative committee on factory-built housing and volunteered to be on the committee. AG Kam reminded the assembled that voting members could not constitute a quorum of the subcommittee.

Mr. Delaunay again expressed his concerns about IBC Chapter 17 and Mr. Kinney again said that the investigative committee should examine different definitions of factory built housing.

Mr. Bukowski pointed that Mr. Haigh had formed such a committee before his Council membership was terminated. Mr. Rogers said that HRS 107-26 prohibits state codes from relating to each county’s procedures, and asked who wanted to be on the committee. Mr. Wiig noted the volunteers and said this would take up at the next SBO meeting.

AG Kam reminded the body that in creating new investigative committees, voting members shall not constitute a quorum and that the subcommittee must create the parameters of its work….
3. Updates from the Investigative Committees:
   Investigative committee for the Structural Provisions for the IBC and the IRC 2018 Editions. Mr. Carden said that there will be a meeting on the approved portions 2018 IBC, and that the ado-ted IRC and IEBC will be posed on the DAGS SBCC website.

   Investigative committee for the Non-Structural Provisions of the IBC and the IRC 2018 Edition. Mr. Meyers reported that there will be a meeting in the near future.

c. Investigative committee for the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) 2018 Edition. Chair Wiig reported that the adopted IECC 2018 will be posted on the SBCC website.

d. Investigative committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code

   There were no updates.

e. Investigative committee for the Green Code

   There were no updates.

f. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code

   There were no updates.

g. Investigative committee for the State Fire Code  Mr. Rogers reported that the Fire Code had been adopted by the CBO. Mr. Carden asked if any amendments had been made. Mr. Rogers replied that there were no amendments. Chair Wiig called for a vote and the Fire Code was unanimously adopted. Mr. Rogers reported that the adopted 2018 fire code would go to the counties for adoption, and that work would begin on the 2021 fire code.

h. Investigative committee for the Energy Efficiency Code Coordination

   There were no updates.

i. Investigative committee for the State Elevator Code

   There were no updates.

j. Investigative committee for the International Existing Building Code (IEBC)

   No report

k. Investigative committee for Boiler and Pressure Vessels

   There were no updates.
4. Update on Communication and Training
   Now that IECC has been adopted training will be forthcoming

5. Update on county and state adoption of building codes
   No report

6. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting
   No report

7. Announcements

8. Next meeting: March 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

9. Adjournment at 11:34 p.m.