

MEETING MINUTES
Hawai'i STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, HYBRID MEETING
January 17, 2023, 9:00 am
235 South Beretania St. Room 505
Honolulu, HI 96813
(ZOOM LINK)

- 1) Meeting called to order by Chair Wiig at 9:04 AM
- 2) Roll call, voting members:
 - Willard Nishigata, County of Honolulu
 - Lance Nakamura, County of Maui
 - Neal Tanaka, County of Hawai'i
 - Leolynne Escalona, County of Kaua'i
 - Gregg Serikaku, Subcontractors Association of Hawaii
 - Lyle Carden, Structural Engineers Association of Hawai'i
 - Rick Meyers, AIA-Honolulu, outgoing
 - Daniel Moots, AIA-Honolulu incoming
 - Gary Lum, State Fire Council
 - Absent:
 - Keith Sawamura, BIA Hawai'i
 - Ryan Koga, County of Kaua'i

Chair Wiig's opening comments:

- Did not receive any written testimony.
- One comment on the technical aspect of the plumbing code to be shared with plumbing officials.
- Attended the Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum on January 12, 2023, featuring David Turk, the U.S. Department of Energy's Deputy Secretary, who described this time as a "magic moment" as a plentitude of federal dollars are coming to Hawai'i.
- Each county should have a sustainability coordinator, Turk said, given available funding.
- Kelsey Yamanaka at HIEMA announced that HIEMA will contact each SBO to offer assistance with updating codes.

3. Updates from the Investigative committees.

- a. Investigative committee for the Structural Provisions:
 - i. First draft of 2021 amendments.
 - ii. Working on local amendments at the SEA OH Building Code Committee.
 - iii. Safe room provisions – working on streamlining requirements.
 - iv. Windspeed threshold – not resolved. The voting will be in a few weeks.
 - v. Chlorine exposure – finalizing proposed amendments.
- b. Investigative committee for the Non-Structural Provisions:
 - i. Proposed amendments to the 2021 codes are currently underway.
- c. Investigative committee for the IECC.
 - i. Consultant Erik Kolderup presented a summary of the changes between the 2018 vs. the 2021 IECC.
- d. Investigative committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code.

- i. Per Gregg Serikaku – no updates completed for 2021.
 - ii. Serikaku asked if the plumbing code can leap-frog from 2018 to 2024 as the 2024 edition will be published in early March 2023.
 - e. Investigative committee for the Green Code.
 - i. No comments.
 - f. Investigative committee for the Mechanical Code.
 - i. No comments.
 - g. Investigative committee for the State Fire Code.
 - i. Per Gary Lum – the 2021 amendments were finalized. Will be posting soon.
 - ii. The voting is by the State Fire Council on Friday, January 20, 2023.
 - iii. Will be presenting at next meeting.
 - h. Investigative committee for the Energy Efficiency Code Coordination.
 - i. Disbanded.
 - i. Investigative committee for the International Existing Building Code.
 - i. Per Lyle Carden – there is confusion on the requirement to retrofit a roof diaphragm during reroofing provision. Should it be eliminated from the Code? To be discussed at an upcoming Existing Building Code Committee meeting.
- 4. Update on communication and training.
 - a. Gary H. – Fire code training coming.
 - b. Gary Lum – Electrical code training coming.
- 5. Update on county and state adoption of building codes.
 - a. 2018 Fire code recently updated in County of Hawai'i.
- 6. Discussion of possible agenda item(s) for next Council meeting.
 - a. Post announcements early.
 - b. Elevator safety code—concern re non-attendance at SBCC meetings
 - a. Will a member attend?
 - c. Will no action in code adoption result in automatic update?
- 7. Announcements – none
- 8. Next meeting: February 21, 2023, at 9:00 am.