

SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SC FIRE ACADEMY
DENNY AUDITORIUM
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
10:30 am

Called To Order:

Gregory Parsons, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Adolph Zubia, Chris Cullum, Curtis Rye, Darbis Briggman, Dean Wilson, Frank Hill, Tim Hance, John White, Lee Jedziniak, Lloyd Schumann, Richard Sandler, and Henry Drury.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Advise Attorney; Gary Wiggins, Administrator, Jennie Meade, Program Coordinator and Jan Dunkin, Court Reporter.

Others present participating during the meeting included: John Humphries, Brice Isgett, David Blackwell, Buddy Skinner, Chris Lee, Tommy Holcombe, Richard Palmer, Kecia Lara, Vaughn Wicker, John Wasson, Michelle Hawkins, Don Houck, Don Wood, Brian Pietras, Mark Nix, Michael Smith, K. Patrick Brown, Melissa Hopkins, John England, Donny Phipps, Robert Yarnall, R. Christopher Mathis, Bruce Cooley, Josh Phillips, Charles Caldwell, Anthony Rivera, Jeannie Schumann, Shawn Brashear, David Nichols, Ed Roper, Andy Barber, Doug Smits, Bruce Boulineau, Donald Brown, Denise Fincher, Rick Hallman, Bob Klein.

Vice-Chair Parsons announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Building Codes Council office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Schumann made a motion the Council approve the agenda. Mr. Zubia seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, August 24, 2011, Meeting:

Mr. Zubia made a motion the Council approve the August 24, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Sandler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

Ms. Herdina had a business conflict and Mr. Brock is expected. The Council delayed the vote on this item until the end of the meeting. Mr. Brock did not attend. Mr. Schumann made the motion to approve their absences and the motion was seconded by Mr. Cullum. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

The Vice-Chair stated that with the new members he thinks that there will be a lot of new perspectives and new ideas and asked them to share and participate. He also expressed appreciation to the audience for their assistance and insight.

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Administrator's Remarks for Information:

Vice-Chair Parsons asked Mr. Wiggins for any remarks. Mr. Wiggins stated that we were still in the comment period for the 2012 Codes adoption process. Mr. Zubia asked for the deadlines. Mr. Wiggins gave the first Wednesday in February as the deadline for submitting names for the study committees. March 1st is the deadline for the comment period.

Recognition of New Member:

Vice-Chair Parsons introduced Council's new member: Tim Hance.

Recognition of Past Member:

Mr. Wiggins stated that the certificate of appreciation had not been received from the Governor's office in time for presentation at the meeting.

Office of Investigations and Enforcements (OIE):

Mr. Todd Bond was recognized by the vice-chair. He stated that the IRC met October 25th and eight cases were discussed. Mr. Spoon explained for the benefit of new members the purpose of the IRC and what Council is to decide. Mr. Bond answered all questions of Council. Mr. Cullum made a motion to accept the IRC Recommendation as presented. Mr. Rye seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bond reported that since the first of the year twenty-two cases had been received. There were three active investigations, and seven closed cases.

Office of General Counsel (OGC):

Mr. Wiggins stated that Ms. Bell could not attend the meeting due to a conflict, but had given him the report. He reported three open cases, one action pending a memorandum of agreement, consent agreements zero, pending hearing zero, pending final orders one, six cases closed and no appeals.

Old Business:

Vice-Chair Parsons asked if there was any old business. Mr. Sendler asked Gary if there were a lot of names being submitted for the study committees. Mr. Wiggins stated that more names have been received on the industry side, but not near enough to fill the committees. A second call for volunteers usually goes out in December or January. Vice Chair Parsons asked all to encourage interested people to submit their names to Gary.

Mr. Sendler asked Mr. Wiggins the status of the energy code. Mr. Wiggins stated that at that time adoption for the energy code is on hold. He went on to say that at a prior meeting, Council voted to accept proposed modifications to the IECC and present them before the Committee and then again before the council, not necessarily for action, but to see what code changes will be offered.

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New Business:

Application Reinstatement hearings: Mr. Joshua M. Phillips and Mr. Charles R. Caldwell
Council heard the cases of both gentlemen. The decision was the same for both: Reinstatement of license application with the condition that they meet all the requirements of that position and the Administrator was directed to file formal complaints for their actions.

Public Comments:

Mr. Sandler asked about the dates of the 2012 Council meetings listed on the agenda and if a November date could be arranged early to be able to have a room available. After discussion it was noted that the November date shown is the week after Thanksgiving and would not need to be changed.

Mr. Briggman referenced the orientation meeting held in October and asked for clarification concerning funds for Council Members to attend conferences. Mr. Wiggins responded that the policy is to allow two Council Members to travel to a nationally recognized meeting. Mr. Zubia inquired if that was two per year or per conference. Mr. Wiggins stated two per conference.

Date of Next Meeting – February 22, 2012:

The next meeting of the SC Building Codes Council has been set for Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Adjournment:

The Tuesday, November 15, 2011, meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

These minutes are a record of the motions/official actions taken by the Council and a brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail is available on the Council's website.