

SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
SC FIRE ACADEMY  
DENNY AUDITORIUM  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
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, Darbis Briggman, Dean Wilson, Frank Hill, Tim Hance, John White, Lee Jedziniak, Lloyd Schumann, Richard Sendler, Susan Herdina, and Henry Drury.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sheridon Spoon, Advise Attorney; Gary Wiggins, Administrator, Lil Ann Grey, Program Coordinator, Jennie Meade, Program Coordinator and Ree Hayes, Court Reporter.

Others present participating during the meeting included: Roger Lowe, Leigh Faircloth, Scott Kelly, Randy Pardee, Melissa Hopkins, Bob Klein, Jesse Burke, Michael Ackley, Clark Frady, Gary Bass, Delisa Clark, Ray Hoshall, Robert Harkins, Theodore Reed, Dwight Cathcart, T. Blanchard, Richard Palmer, David Nichols, Michelle Hawkins, John Wasson, William Stewart, Mark Nix, Brian Pietras, Roni Jo Abdella, Robert Yarnall, Vaughn Wicker, Bruce Boulineau, Paul Coats, John Humphries, Ed Roper, Andy Barble, Anthony Rivera, Chris Lee, Herb Yingling, Tommy Holcombe, Lee Cave, Rick Hallman, and Richard O'Sheal.

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

**Election of Officers:**

Mr. Gary Wiggins called for nominations for Chair. Mr. Sendler nominated Mr. Greg Parsons and this was seconded by Mr. John White. There were no additional nominations and Mr. Parsons was unanimously voted as Chairman.

Chairman Parsons called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Hill nominated Mr. Chris Cullum and Mr. Briggman nominated Chief Zubia. The Chairman called for a paper ballot. Staff passed out ballots which were collected and tabulated. Chairman Parsons announced that Mr. Cullum is the Vice Chair.

**Approval of Minutes - Tuesday, November 15, 2011, Meeting:**

Mr. Richard Sendler made a motion the Council approve the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:**

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Mr. Brock is expected and Mr. Rye has an unavoidable meeting to 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 Chairman thanked the Council and stated that he sees the job of the Chair to facilitate the will of the Council through the collective voices of the members.

**Administrator's Remarks for Information:**

Chairman Parsons asked Mr. Wiggins for any remarks. Mr. Wiggins introduced Ms. Lil Ann Gray as a member of staff and that if any member is unable to reach him, just ask for Lil Ann.

Mr. Wiggins also reminded the members to file their statement of economic interest. He also made reference to copies of the 2011 NEC on the tables for each member that was donated by NFPA.

Mr. Wiggins addressed the possible attendance of two members at an upcoming Modular Meeting. A motion to approve Mr. Henry Drury and Chairman Parsons to attend was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Chief Zubia. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Wiggins reminded Mr. Drury and the Chair that they are expected to brief the Council and give Council information as to what was gained.

**Office of Investigations and Enforcements (OIE):**

Mr. Todd Bond was recognized by the Chairman. He stated that the IRC met February 16<sup>th</sup> and two cases were recommended for action. One for informational purposes (continued, dismissed, cease and desist) and the other formal complaint.

Mr. Sendler made the motion to accept as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bond stated that the case status report shows that so far this year three complaints had been received. One was opened for an active investigation for outside the jurisdiction. Currently there were two active cases, one carryover from last year and the one that was just recently received.

**Office of General Counsel (OGC):**

The Chair recognized that Ms. Christa Bell is delayed and her report was made upon her arrival.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Wiggins addressed the issue of the Council direction to the Study Committee concerning the Energy amendments. After discussion Mr. Sendler made the motion that the 2012 IECC not be reviewed for amendments. The second was made by Mr. Drury and the vote was unanimous.

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**New Business:**

Chairman Parsons introduced the issue of a backup IRC industry member. Mr. Wiggins stated that staff had received a volunteer for the position, Mr. Donny Phipps, a Building Official with Richland County. Mr. Hill made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

As to the selection of the Code Study Committee, the Chair reminded the Council that in the past Council had voted for the applicants by marking the ballots with a number next to each name. A 1 would be the first choice; a 2 would be the second choice and so on. The ballots were tabulated and the applicant with the lowest total would be the member, the applicant with the second lowest would be the alternate. Mr. Cullum made a motion to use the process as described. Mr. White seconded the motion. There was discussion as to not all positions had any or more than one possibility, there was also discussion as to the residential category did not require a licensed architect but a home designer could fill that position. The vote was taken and passed unanimously. Ms. Meade collected the ballots for calculation. Mr. Schumann made a motion that if staff receives a recommendation of a qualified applicant for the unfilled position, that staff can insert that person into the position. Mr. White seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed.

Chair Parsons recognized Ms. Christa Bell who stated that she has three consent agreements for consideration. Each were presented to Council and discussed. Case #2010-21 Edie Altman the motion was made by Mr. Culum to accept the consent agreement presented by staff. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Case # 2011-18 Robert D. Scoggins, the motion was made by Chief Zubia to for approval of the consent agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson which was carried unanimously. Case #2011-21 Bryan Smith, it was discovered that an error was made in the consent agreement and Ms. Bell was going to correct the document have Mr. Smith sign before submitting to the Chair for signature if agreed to by the Council. Mr. Schumann made a motion to approve the consent agreement and the second was made by Mr. Cullum. The motion carried unanimously.

Application Reinstatement hearing: Council heard the case of Mr. Thomas O. Blanchard. A motion was made by Chief Zubia that Mr. Blanchard's license be reinstated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Briggman. The vote was ayes – 12 and opposed – 1. A motion was made by Chief Zubia to instruct staff to file a complaint against Mr. Blanchard, followed by advising staff to advise both, the Dennis Corporation and the City of Hardeeville, regarding the concern in reference to the inspections conducted during the seven-month period that Mr. Blanchard was working without the appropriate license. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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Chair Parsons announced the members of the Code Study Committee.

Residential Committee:	Member	Alternate
Code Enforcement Officer	M. Smith	S. Brashear
Lic Home Builder	M. Lowman	D. Owens
Lic GC	B. Womick	D Owens
Lic Arch/Home Designer	M. Bostic	
Lic Engineer	J. Burke	
Lic Res Plumber	F. Gibbs	J. Ball
Lic Res Mechanical	R. Pardee	V. Edwards
Lic Res Electrical	J. Grow	T. Burkett
Res Gas	D. Mulligan	S. Abernathy
Fire Official	T. Porter	R. Hoshall

Commercial:		
Code Enforcement Officer	H. Yingling	B. Klein
Lic Home Builder		
Lic GC	W Ramsey	
Lic Arch	M. Hallasy	
Lic Engineer	J. Burke	M. D. Knight
Lic Com Plumber	C. Powers	S. Brewer
Lic Com Mechanical	D. Laquiere	B. Waldrop
Lic Com Electrical	H. Poplin	M. Richardson
Com Gas	S. Abernathy	B. Waldrop
Fire Official	T. Porter	R. Hoshall

Chief Zubia made a motion to switch Mr. Porter and Mr. Hoshall on the Residential Committee. Mr. Briggman seconds the motion and after discussion the motion carries.

**Public Comments:**

Chief Zubia addressed concerns that the State Fire Marshall’s Office could not submit code amendments and the only entities legally entitled to do so based on the code is by a local jurisdiction or a professional association. Further discussion of several topics will be held at a later meeting

**Date of Next Meeting – May 23, 2012:**

The next meeting of the SC Building Codes Council has been set for Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

**Adjournment:**

The Wednesday, February 22, 2012, meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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