

LLR – SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL

South Carolina Fire Academy, Denny Auditorium
141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

10:30 am

Delisa Clark, Council Chairman, announced that 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 §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:**

Chris Cullum, Council Vice Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Other Council members present for the meeting included: David Blackwell, Darbis Briggman, Tim Hance, Mike Lowman, Michael Richardson, Doug Terrell, Alan Campbell, Melissa Hopkins, Francis Hill.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: GiGi Lewis, Advice Counsel, Maggie Castles, the acting Administrator, Teresa Martin, Program Coordinator and Michelle Manni, Court Reporter.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

May 29, 2019

MOTION:

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 29, 2019 meeting. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

February 6, 2019

MOTION:

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:**

MOTION:

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to approve absent members, Bennett Griffin, Delisa Clark, Curtis Rye, and Dean Wilson. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. **Chairman's Remarks:**

Vice Chairman Cullum welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also announced Roger Lowe's retirement.

6. **Holly Beeson's Remark for information:**

a. Legislative Update

The legislation is still pending, that was filed this past year. This was the first of a two year legislative session. If a bill was filed but did not pass, it will carry over into 2020 and can be reconsidered at that time. There are two bills that relate, one is the Senate Bill 796, and that would be the bill that would amend the Section 6940 regarding adoption of the codes going forward. That section 40(A)(1), if passed as currently written, the Council is authorized to review, adopt, modify,

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and promulgate the residential codes, building codes, referenced in 6950 no later than six days from the date of publication of the previously adopted SC Building Codes and the Commercial Building Codes referenced in 6950, no later than three years from the date of publication of the previously adopted SC Building Codes. The other Bill that is out there right now is the House Bill 4327, and that relates to what we are referring to as wedding barns. When it was filed, it was initially drafted differently. The House adopted an amendment that would take the language that you voted on that would change these wedding barns from an A-2 accommodation to an A-3 accommodation, with the exception of the commercial kitchen issue.

b. Effective date if modified codes as per section 6-9-40(A)(4)

In the statute 6940, the option to adopt the codes either January 1st or July 1st for an effective date. In the past we have done July following the publication into the State Registry, but I think this year we have a few different things at hand and the January 1st date would give us more time to get everything together correctly.

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to approve the IRC Report as presented. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

7. Office of Disciplinary Counsel:

Erin Baldwin, Chief Counsel

- a. Ms. Erin Baldwin reported 2 open cases and 1 pending action.

Investigations: IRC

Todd Bond, Chief Investigator

- b. Investigator Bond reported that currently there are 6 open cases: 5 dismissals 1 formal complaint.

MOTION:

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to accept the reports with the changed date on the IRC to May 15, 2019. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Explanation of Executive Session:

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to come back in from executive session. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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9. Office of General Counsel (OGC): Disciplinary Hearing-Erin Baldwin
Case No. 2017-6-Theodore R. Reed.

Mr. Theodore R. Reed was present for the hearing and choose not to be represented by counsel.

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to issue Mr. Reed a public reprimand, that his license to inspect be placed on a six month probation, and that he is required to attend and receive additional four hours of continuing education credit beyond what would be required for his renewal period starting July 12, 2019. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. **New Business:**

- a. **Delegation of authority to the Council Chair to sign Cease and Desist Orders for unlicensed practice.** *GiGi Lewis*

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to delegate the authority to the Council chair to sign the cease and desist orders for unlicensed practice. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. **Public Comments:**

Mr. Brashear, Florence County, brought to the council's attention about a parking garage being constructed and the designers would like to use the 2018 IBC.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council is set for Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

13. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

MOTION:

Mr. Loman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.