

South Carolina Building Codes Council
Council Meeting

Via Video/Teleconference

Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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.

Welcome and Call to Order

Delisa Clark, Council Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

August 17, 2021

MOTION:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the agenda for the August 17, 2021 Board Meeting. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Introduction of Council Members and Others

Doug Terrell, Alan Campbell, Bennett Griffin, Michael Richardson, Melissa Hopkins, Curt Rye, Frank Hill, Delisa Clark, Chris Cullum, Darbis Briggman, Tim Hance, Dean Wilson, and Patrick Bradshaw introduced themselves as Council members.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Stacey Hewson, Advice Counsel; Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Holly Beeson, Counsel to the Office of Communications; Patrick Jarvis, Accounting Manager; Abhijit Deshpande, Director of Finance and Procurement; Molly Price, Administrator; Maggie Smith, Program Coordinator; and Zahid Chinwalla, Program Assistant.

Members of the public who attended the meeting included: Donny Phipps, CC&I Services, LLC; Alex James, Home Builders Association of South Carolina; Patricia Layton, Wood Utilization and Design Institute; Matt Hunter, American Wood Council; Clayton Evans, Manufacturing Housing Institute of South Carolina; Buddy Skinner, Laurens County Building Official; Kerry Sutton, American Concrete Institute; Yarley Steedly, American Heart Association; Chris Stover, City of Greenville Building Official; Ann Roberson, South Carolina Department of Insurance; Shell Suber, Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina; Matthew Koch, Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina; Jesse S. Burke, Burke Engineering LLC.; Leslie B. Clark, South Carolina Government Relations and Divisions; Patrick Brown, Town of Edisto Beach Building Official.

Sean Cary, Court Reporter.

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Approval of Excused Absences

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Mr. Rye made a motion to approve absent member Michael Lowman. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021 - Council Meeting

MOTION:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2021 Council Meeting. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Modular Committee Minutes

May 21, 2021 – Modular Committee Meeting

MOTION:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2021 Modular Committee Meeting. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Code Study Committee Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2021 – Code Study Committee Meeting

MOTION:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021 Code Study Committee Meeting. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Clark thanked everyone coming to the meeting and moving forward with the code adoption.

Staff Reports

Finance Report – Abhijit Deshpande

Mr. Deshpande provided a financial overview from 2019 to present for the Council. The agency is required to complete a fee analysis every two years. He analyzed the licensure statistics and revenue to review growth at the end of the current fiscal year. This analysis will determine if the fees may need to be increased or decreased in the future. Mr. Deshpande will conduct and complete a second round of analysis next year and then submit his recommendation to the Council.

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Legislative Update – Holly Beeson

Ms. Beeson gave an update on the House Bills which may affect the Council. The House Session ended in May 2021. This was the first of the two-year legislative session. House Bill 500 passed the senate to include the language in reference to townhomes. House Bill 3916 did not pass and is being re-filed. House Bill 3991 has been filed every two years. House Bill 3606 passed the House and is in the Senate to be approved. House Bill 4060 passed the House as amended and is in the Senate to be approved.

Ms. Beeson has posted notices for the Council's intent to modify and adopt the model codes, and for the Study Committee meetings. On October 6, 2021 there will be a special-called meeting to submit to the legislative counsel, and the modifications will be submitted to the legislature in January 2022.

Administrative Report – Molly Price and Maggie Smith

Ms. Price informed the Council that the Certification Program Account carried over \$62,000 and as of the end of May 2021 the current amount was \$118,000. She also pointed out that many code enforcement licensees did not renew their licenses and asked the building officials present to check with their staff who did not renew.

Ms. Smith informed the Council that the new bond requirement for modular licensees created some delays in the renewal process, but staff is working to assist licensees with the new requirement.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) – Erin Baldwin

Ms. Baldwin on behalf of Mr. Todd Bond, who not able to attend the council meeting, informed the council that in 2021, there were 11 formal complaints.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report – Erin Baldwin

Ms. Baldwin informed the council that the Investigative Review Committee met on August 4, 2021. One case was recommended for formal complaint.

MOTION:

Mr. Cullum made a motion to approve the IRC report on August 4, 2021. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report - Erin Baldwin

Ms. Baldwin informed the Council that there are 7 open cases. She explained that one disciplinary case was continued to the October 6, 2021 meeting and there would be more disciplinary cases scheduled for the November 16, 2021 meeting.

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Old Business

2017 Regulatory Review Report – Stacey Hewson

Ms. Hewson informed the Council that the regulations were reviewed per the executive order from Governor McMaster in 2017. She identified regulations that need to be changed or repealed and the recommendations were sent to Council for review. The changes will be presented to the Council at the October 6, 2021 meeting for a vote.

New Business

Continuing Education Policy (Reg. 8-150) and Self-Paced CE Courses – Molly Price

Ms. Price explained that self-paced continuing education courses were previously allowed for up to 4 hours per course during the last licensing cycle due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and she recommended that self-paced courses continue to be allowed but not at 24 hours. Ms. Hopkins recommended that self-paced courses should be allowed up to 12 hours online and 12 hours in-person.

MOTION:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to allow 12 hours of self-paced continuing education with the remaining 12 hours being in person through the end of the current registration cycle on June 30, 2023. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Code Study Committee Report – Molly Price

Ms. Price informed the Council that the Study Committee's recommendations will be presented on October 6, 2021 following the close of comment period on September 22, 2021. The final study committee meeting will be held on September 28, 2021.

Modular Review Committee Report – Maggie Smith

Ms. Smith informed the Council that the first meeting was held on May 21, 2021. During this meeting the Committee focused on the modular audits to be performed yearly and reviewed the audit report form to be used and changed as necessary.

Travel Approval for International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference, September 18-22, 2021 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania- Molly Price

Ms. Price stated that she, Mr. Briggman, and Ms. Hopkins, have requested approval to attend the ICC Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on September 19-22, 2021.

MOTION:

Mr. Rye made a motion to approve Council funds for Mr. Briggman, Ms. Hopkins and Ms. Price to attend the 2021 ICC Annual Conference. Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council is set for October 6, 2021.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Mr. Rye made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.