

MINUTES
South Carolina Building Codes Council
Council Meeting
Via Video/Teleconference Platform

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Call To Order:

Delisa Clark, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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. This meeting is being conducted via teleconferencing with notice given to all parties of this teleconferencing platform.

Approval of Agenda:

February 28, 2023

MOTION

Mr. Briggman made a motion to approve the Agenda for February 28, 2023. Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Introduction of Council Members and Others

Doug Terrell, Alan Campbell, Bennett Griffin, Michael Richardson, Melissa Hopkins, Mike Lowman, Chris Cullum, Darbis Briggman, Tim Hance, Michael Julazadeh, Stevenson Adams, and Patrick Bradshaw introduced themselves as Council members.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Stacey Hewson, Advice Counsel; Molly Price, Administrator; Maggie Smith, Program Coordinator; and Teresa Martin, Administrative Coordinator.

Julie C. Taradash with Creel Court Reporting appeared as the Court Reporter.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mr. Lowman made a motion to approve the absences of Frank Hill and Curtis Rye. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022 Council Meeting; November 28, 2022 Committee Meeting; and February 6, 2023 Committee Meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the November 15, 2022, November 28, 2022, and February 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Chairman's Remarks:

Delisa Clark welcomed those present and explained that with the limited agenda everyone agreed to hold the meeting virtually. Ms. Clark also thanked Mr. Briggman for acting as Chair at the last Council meeting.

Staff Reports

a. *Legislative Update* - Holly Beeson

Ms. Beeson provided Council members with an update on the current legislative session and bills that have been introduced so far. Her report included updates about bills S.4, H.3493 and H. 3607.

b. *Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report* – No Report

c. *Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Report* – Molly Price

The IRC met on February 14, 2023, and recommended 1 case for formal complaint.

MOTION:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the IRC report. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. *Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report* – Molly Price

Ms. Price provided the report on behalf of Erin Baldwin. She stated that 8 cases are currently open and 5 cases have been closed since October 25, 2022.

e. *Administrator's Report* – Molly Price

Ms. Price provided cash reports and licensure statistics to the Council. She stated that Council staff had been working hard to prepare for the upcoming renewal cycle and renewals were slated to open the first week of April. She reminded Council members to make sure they file their statement of economic interest forms by March 30, 2023, at noon.

f. *Modular Building Program Report* - Maggie Smith

Ms. Smith provided an update on the status of the modular plant audits, and stated the next audit was scheduled for March 9, 2023.

New Business

a. *Review and Approval of Regulatory Review Committee Recommendations for Regulation Sections 8-100 – 8-185 (Building Code Enforcement Officers and Special Inspectors)*

Ms. Clark congratulated Ms. Hopkins on a great job heading up the committee and asked Ms. Hopkins to provide a summary of the committee's recommendations to the Council. Ms. Hopkins thanked all the committee members and Council staff for their assistance and explained that the committee reviewed Sections 8-100 through 8-185 and feels confident in the draft of changes

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brought to the Council for approval. She stated that the changes are mostly administrative in nature; however, the committee does recommend changes to the structure of the provisional code enforcement registration classification and registration for property maintenance inspectors.

MOTION

Mr. Briggman made a motion to approve the Regulatory Review Committee's recommendations for Regulation Sections 8-100 – 8-185. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. *Appointment of Task Force for Review of Regulation Sections 8-205 – 8-275*
(Administration, Proposed Modifications and Variations, State Energy Standards)

Ms. Price explained to the council members that another committee was needed to continue the regulatory review process and the next section of Chapter 8. She requested that, as a part of this task force's appointment, that the Council appoint a committee chair and allow that chair to appoint the members. After a call for volunteers, Mr. Bradshaw volunteered to act as the committee chair.

MOTION

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to approve Mr. Bradshaw as Chair for the task force that will review regulation sections 8-205 – 8-275. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Ms. Price opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Building Codes Council.

MOTION

Mr. Cullum made a motion to nominate Delisa Clark as Chair. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

No others were nominated and the nominations were closed prior to the vote.

Ms. Clark requested nominations for Building Codes Council Vice-Chairman.

MOTION

Mr. Cullum made a motion to nominate Darbis Briggman as Vice-Chair. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Public Comments

None

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Adjournment

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

There being nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.