

**South Carolina Building Codes Council  
Council Meeting  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Midlands Room  
Columbia, SC 29210**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**10:30 am**

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**Welcome and Call To Order:**

Darbis Briggman acting as Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Briggman 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:**

*August 15, 2023*

**MOTION**

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the Agenda for August 15, 2023. Mr. Rye seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Introduction of Council Members and Others**

Doug Terrell, Bennett Griffin, Michael Richardson, Melissa Hopkins, Mike Lowman, Curtis Rye, Darbis Briggman, 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, Program Director; Maggie Smith, Board Executive; and Teresa Martin, Administrative Coordinator.

Cortney Glover, with Creel Court Reporting, appeared as the Court Reporter.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

**MOTION**

Mr. Rye made a motion to approve the absences of Frank Hill, Delisa Clark, and Chris Cullum. Ms. Hopkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It is noted for the record that Alan Campbell was also not present for the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**a. May 23, 2023 Council Meeting**

**MOTION**

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 Council meeting minutes. Mr. Rye seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**b. June 19, 2023 Regulatory Review Committee Meeting**

**MOTION**

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to approve the June 19, 2023 Regulatory Review Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**c. June 27, 2023 Modular Review Committee Meeting**

**MOTION**

Mr. Rye made a motion to approve the June 27, 2023 Modular Review Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Terrell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks**

No remarks.

**Staff Reports**

**a. Program Director's Report – Molly Price**

Ms. Price welcomed everyone to the new meeting room and noted all future meetings would be held at this location. Ms. Price spoke of the leadership changes and her new role as Program Director for the Building and Environmental boards. She also congratulated Darbis Briggman, Mike Richardson, and Patrick Bradshaw on their reappointment with the board. Ms. Price announced the resigning of Council member Tim Hance.

Ms. Price welcomed everyone to the new meeting room and noted all future meetings would be held at this location. Ms. Price provided licensure statistics to the Council, citing 18 newly issued registrations as of August 1, 2023, with a total of 1,248 active registrants. She also provided cash reports for both the Building Codes Council and the Certification Program.

**b. Modular Building Program Report - Maggie Smith**

Ms. Smith provided the latest modular label application numbers for the Council's review. Ms. Smith informed the Council that two potential in-state modular manufacturers had contacted staff about licensure and that once they are licensed an audit will be scheduled.

**c. Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reorganization- Donnell Jennings**

Mr. Jennings introduced Maurice Smith as the new Chief Investigator for the Building Codes Council. He also discussed the restructuring of the Office of Investigations and Enforcement and how it will make the investigative process more efficient.

**d. Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report – Maurice Smith**

Mr. Smith explained that there have been 24 new complaints filed since August 7, 2023. There are currently 2 active investigations and 12 cases have been closed this year.

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**e. Investigative Review Conference (IRC) Report – Maurice Smith**

The IRC met on August 1, 2023, and recommended 1 case for dismissal, 1 for formal complaint, and 1 for a Letter of Caution.

**MOTION**

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

**f. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Erin Baldwin**

Ms. Baldwin referred the Council to the ODC report provided in their meeting materials and offered to answer any questions.

**New Business**

**a. Review and Approval of Committee Recommendations for Regulation Sections 8-205 to 8-630**

**MOTION**

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to approve the Committee recommendations for Regulation Sections 8-205 to 8-630 pending administrative corrections. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**b. Travel Request- 2023 International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference**

**MOTION**

Mr. Rye made a motion to approve 2 Council members, 1 staff member and 1 LLR investigator to attend the 2023 ICC Annual Conference. Mr. Lowman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION**

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

There being nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 am.