

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

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Call To Order:

Delisa Clark, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:31 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:

November 7, 2023

MOTION

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the Agenda for November 7, 2023. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Introduction of Council Members and Others

Doug Terrell, Alan Campbell, Bennett Griffin, Michael Richardson, Melissa Hopkins, Frank Hill, Delisa Clark, Darbis Briggman, Michael Julazadeh, Stevenson Adams, Salvatore Napolitano, and David Black 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.

Nadine Garrett, with Creel Court Reporting, appeared as the Court Reporter.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to approve the absences of Mike Lowman, Chris Cullum and Patrick Bradshaw. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. August 15, 2023 Council Meeting

MOTION

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 Council meeting minutes. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Clark welcomed those present and thanked them for coming.

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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 3334, 3493, 3607, 4086, and 4224.

b. *Council Executive's Report*- Maggie Smith

Ms. Smith provided cash reports for both the Building Codes Council and the Certification Program; and provided licensure statistics to the Council, citing 25 newly issued registrations and three newly issued licenses as of October 23, 2023, with a total of 1,128 active licenses and registrations. Ms. Smith also reviewed the Council-approved code adoption timeline for the 2024 code adoption cycle, and reminded the Council that preparations have begun to nominate the Code Study Committee.

c. *Modular Building Program Report* - Maggie Smith

Ms. Smith provided the modular plan review label application numbers as of September 2023 for the Council's review.

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

Mr. Smith reported that, as of January 1, 2023, there have been 29 new complaints received, with three active investigations and eight closed cases.

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

The IRC met on October 26, 2023, and recommended four cases for dismissal and one for formal complaint.

MOTION

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to approve the IRC report. Mr. Briggman 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.

Application Hearing

a. BCO. 2874-Request to extend Provisional Registration expiration date

The Building Codes Council held a disciplinary hearing regarding Angela W. Moss. Ms. Moss appeared before the Council and waived her right to legal counsel. All persons testifying were

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sworn in by the court reporter. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event that a verbatim transcript is necessary.

MOTION

Mr. Hill made a motion for a closed hearing. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Briggman made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Julazadeh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Briggman made a motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was noted for the record that no votes were taken during executive session.

MOTION

Ms. Hopkins made a motion to extend Ms. Moss' Provisional Registration until April 21, 2024. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

a. Call for Study Committee Nominations

Ms. Smith provided the Council with a review of the proposed Regulation changes to Section 8-246, regulating the Code Study Committee, and presented the Call for Study Committee Nominations notice for their review and approval.

MOTION

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the Call for Study Committee Nominations notice. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Approval for Study Committee Training Course Reimbursement

Ms. Smith reported that, since the approval of the meeting agenda, the International Code Council has offered to provide Significant Code Changes courses to the core Code Study Committee members at no cost.

Public Comments

Ms. Hopkins thanked the Council for approving the attendance of two Council members and one staff member for the 2023 International Code Council Annual Conference. Mr. Briggman echoed Ms. Hopkins' comments and thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend.

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Thurman Pelham, representing the Building Officials Association of South Carolina (BOASC), informed the Council that the BOASC will be presenting an emergency code modification request at the next Council meeting scheduled for February 27, 2024.

Adjournment

MOTION

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

There being nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.