

LLR – SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29211 - Room

SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Friday, April 12, 2013

10:30 am

Gregory P. Parson, 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:

Gregory P. Parsons, Council Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Other Council members present for the meeting included: Francis Hill, John White, Henry Drury, Curtis Rye, Melissa Hopkins, Chris Cullum, Darbis Briggman, Dean Wilson, Susan Herdina, Tim Hance, Frank Norris and Brian Denny.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Advice Attorney, Roger Lowe, Administrator, Crystal George, Program Assistant, Todd Bond, Investigator, Christa Bell, General Counsel and Nadine Garrett, Court Reporter.

Others present: Mark Dillard, Allen Hutto, Mark Nix and Herb Yingling.

Approval of Agenda:

April 12, 2013

MOTION:

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the April 12, 2013 agenda. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

March 26, 2013

MOTION:

Ms. George advised that the minutes from March 26, 2013 have not been produced by the Court Reporting Agency as of yet.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

MOTIONS:

Mr. Hance made a motion to approve the absence of Mr. Lowman, Mr. Brock, Mr. Norris and Mr. Ray. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Parsons stated the reason for the meeting today was to approve a list of items that will be submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Task Force. Some members of the Council formed a committee to look at the statutes, regulation and policies to identify what should be included in the list of items to be submitted to the State Task Force.

Administrator's Remarks For Information:

Mr. Lowe thanked everyone for attending all the special meetings that generated from the Governor's Executive Order. He acknowledged everyone worked hard and that their hard work is certainly appreciated.

Old Business:

The Governor's Regulatory Review Task Force & Title 40

Chairman Parsons stated at the last meeting some items identified was the delegation to the administrator for the Cease and Desist Orders, clarifying the Special Inspector's issues for the Special Inspector's Manual, and the 2012 Codes that identify fire stops. In addition, some members of the Council formed a committee to review the Special Inspectors' Manual, the use of cost benefits analysis for code adoptions, Regulation 8-115, training, three year license renewal, and the adoption of some provisions of Chapter One.

The Council's Final Majority Vote Approved Items:

- Delegation to be given to the Chair to handle of Letters of Caution and Cease and Desist Orders. This would eliminate a full board appearance.

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- Cost Benefit Analysis for Code Adoption.

MOTION:

Mr. Wilson made a motion to include the use of cost benefit analysis for code adoption. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- License Renewal. Currently the renewal period is two years. The new renewal period would increase the time from two years to three years.

MOTION:

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve moving from two years to three years for license renewals. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Residential Plan Reviewer/Examiner. Currently there is no license for a Residential Plan Reviewer/Examiner.

MOTION:

Mr. Briggman made a motion to approve the inclusion of Residential Plan Examiner as a license. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Special Inspectors.

MOTION:

Mr. Wilson made a motion to remove this item from the list that will go to the Governor's Task Force. Mr. Hance seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Building Officials' Handbook. The Handbook should be updated to make it consistent.

MOTION:

Mr. Wilson made a motion to put this item on the list and make it more consistent. Mr. Hance seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- Schedule of Fees.

MOTION:

Mr. Wilson made a motion to look at Section 8-618, Schedule of Fees for Modular Building Systems to see if the review fees plan fees can be reduced. Mr. Hance seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business

Special Inspection Manual - Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Lowe. Mr. Lowe reported that the IBC added another classification under our special inspections program. The 2012 IBC Chapter 17 under 1705.16 adds a classification for fire resistance penetrations and joint inspector. This change would cause our inspection manual to be revised. Any person wishing to serve on the committee can contact the administrator or program assistant.

MOTION:

Mr. Lowman made a motion to follow the same path for forming a committee as in the creation of the special inspections manual, and charged the committee with reporting back to the Council with their recommendations. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Herb Yingling, Deputy Building Official, Greenville County stated that there are several building officials that have dual certification with the State Fire Marshals as well and was curious whether or not – they have gone on the three year renewal schedule. Would the three year renewal schedule be timed with that three year renewal schedule, so we can renew both of our registrations or license at the same time. Mr. Lowe stated that their certifications could not be bundled since they are issued by two different entities, but the timing could certainly be coordinated. Mr. Yingling also wanted clarification of the cost benefit analysis.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council is set for Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

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Adjournment

The April 12, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

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Sheridon's List

- 1) Delegation of letters of caution and Cease and Desist Orders to the Chair eliminating a full board appearance – Approved
- 2) Special Inspector's Manual – Clarifying some issues as it relates to the current code adoption and the regulation, there was a conflict that was noted, but that was – not included
- 3) Cost Benefit analysis for Code Adoption. There is some information available from the ICC and there's some other states doing this as well. It could be done by the Council, especially for some items of greater concern and interest. – Approved
- 4) Regulation 8-115, specifically Part D, to include the residential plan reviewer to this Reg. The current commercial plan reviewers can do both residential and commercial, but not vice-versa. The Council would be adding language in a category there for residential plan reviewer. – Approved
- 5) 3-Year License Cycle – currently it's two years. The Council is in support of conforming to the ICC certification cycle, or registration cycle. – Approved
- 6) ICC Courses as it relates to continuing educations and online courses, to broaden the acceptance of those ICC courses – not approved
- 7) Chapter One of the ICC Codes - not approved
- 8) Regulation 8-618 – fees for the modular systems plan review. Council approved a review for possible reduction or elimination of certain fees in that regulation of fee schedule. – Approved
- 9) Procedure for interpretations – would be drafted by the administrator and presented to the Council and developing a better procedure there overall, Not Approved
- 10) Building Officials Handbook – to update through a cooperative effort of all concerned. It was noted that there were several different boards and organizations involved and many stakeholders obviously there. Approved
- 11) Penalties in Statute 6-10-90 – Current penalty is \$200, to increase the penalty to \$1,000, requiring a statutory change – Not Approved