

**SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Hodge, Chair
Gregory P. Parsons, Vice Chair
Kenneth Padgett
Lloyd Schumann
Earnest F. Dorsey
James A. Ham, Jr.
Van M. McAlister
Frank Hill
Margaret Jordan (for M. Thomas)
Gable D. Stubbs
Thomas Brock
Richard Sandler
Douglas Darby
Wendell Davis
William McDowell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Staff Present

Gary Wiggins
Jennie Meade
Rick Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

Ronald Calsing	Douglas M. Smits	Wade Dodgen
Gerald Poss	Ronald L. Brewer	Billy Kennett
Ira Coltharp	Billy J. Sawyer	Julian Barton
Gary Gass	Steve Martin	Mark Dillard
Steven M. Jenkins	Georgia Toney	Allen Hutto
Matt Sigler	Steve Landrith	John McLeod
Robert Harkins	Shannon Chambers	Buddy Skinner
Ward Braswell	James Whittaker	Bob Braatz
Andrew Jordan	Paul LaVene	

1. NOTE: The Notice and Agenda for the May 25, 2005 meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council were posted in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 amended Code, relating to the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Call to Order

The May 25, 2005 meeting of the S. C. Building Codes Council was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman Frank Hodge.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hodge asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Greg Parsons made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Kenneth Padgett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hodge asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the February 23, 2005 meeting. Mr. Richard Sendler stated that a correction was needed on page 2 under old business, 7 B, third line "the at" should be "that." Mr. Ernest Dorsey made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected with Mr. Sendler seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Approval/Disapproval for Absent Members

All members were present.

6. Old Business

A. IBC, Chapter 17 – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Gary Wiggins. He stated that the Chapter 17 (Special Inspections) subcommittee met prior to the Council meeting and asked Mr. Parsons to state its recommendation. Mr. Parsons recognized the people who assisted with the Chapter 17 project and the effort made by the subcommittee members. Mr. Parsons said the subcommittee prepared a draft of a proposed Chapter 17 reference document and circulated it as widely as possible with a request for comments. He said that a variety of comments were received and most were incorporated into the draft. He went on to say that the document was being considered in some instances as a Council publication, a building code supplement or law, despite the subcommittee's best efforts and explanations that it was nothing more than an unofficial draft. Mr. Parsons went on to say that while the subcommittee was working on its project, the ICC published a document and course addressing the same issues. He said during the last subcommittee meeting, the ICC document was acknowledged as an acceptable reference for statewide use. He went on to say that the recommendation of the subcommittee to Council was to take no further action in the development of a Chapter 17 document.

Chairman Hodge called for comments from Council. Council wished the minutes to reflect that the ICC document "2003 IBC Special Inspections: Understanding and Developing a Special Inspection Program" was available for the industry and jurisdictions as a resource.

Mr. Frank Hill stated that he had recently spoken with Mr. Wiggins about some concerns within his community about Chapter 17 and asked Mr. Wiggins to share his comments. Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins stated that at the request of Ms. Sharon Dantzler he set-up a meeting to address the concerns of Chapter 17, which will take place immediately after the Council meeting. He said that the Building Codes Council, Engineering Board, the State Engineer's Office, the Architectural Board and other industry representatives were invited to discuss Chapter 17. Mr. Wiggins went on to say he is hoping to establish uniformity in the application of Chapter 17 by the local jurisdictions. He reminded all that special inspections are not brand new and have been required in South Carolina since the 1994 edition of the Standard Building Code. He said Chapter 17 was addressed during the adoption process for the 2000 IBC, and at that time a request was made to Council to substitute the language of the 1997 edition of the Standard Building Code as opposed to embracing the language of the 2000. The main difference between the 1997 and the 2000 (and now 2003) is that the 1997 language gave full responsibility for making the determinations as to when special inspections would be required to the Building Official, while the IBC gave that authority to the Design Professional in Charge.

Mr. Sendler asked about the Building Official's role in the process. Mr. Wiggins stated that the Design Professional in Charge makes the determination as to what Special Inspections are required and then gives that information to the Building Official. He said the Building Official in turn approves the qualifications and certifications of the individuals or the firms that are actually making the special inspections. Once the Building Official makes the approval, the inspections are made on site and the reports of the inspections go back to the Building Official for review. He may accept the reports as they are or challenge the reports. When the job is complete, the Building Official receives the statement from the Design Professional in Charge that the special inspections were made and how any anomalies that were found during the inspections were corrected.

After further discussion, Chairman Hodges asked the audience for comments. Mr. Bruce Boulineau asked that Council not drop the topic but consider future training.

Mr. Parsons made the motion the Council accept the recommendation of the subcommittee and take no action on the document. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

B. 2005 NEC Up-date – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins who stated that the Notice of Intent to Adopt appeared in the *State Register* in April and will be published each month for six months. He said staff will present any comments received at the November Council meeting.

7. New Business

Course submission – The Keys to Making a Final Inspection – Wade Dodgens

Mr. Wiggins stated when Council gave staff authority to review courses for continuing education, it also gave staff specific requirements for acceptance of instructors. He said one of those requirements was that if any in-house training or structured course was to be delivered by a Code Enforcement Officer, that Officer had to be registered as a G1 (Building Official) or a G2 (General Combination Inspector). Mr. Wiggins said a course that addressed the elements of a final electrical inspection was recently submitted, but could not be approved, even though the instructor was qualified to teach it. He said the course was not approved because the instructor was registered as a Specialty Electrical Inspector instead of a G1 or G2. He went on to explain that the submitter may appeal the staff's decision to the Council. Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. John McLeod, Greenville County Building Official, and Wade Dodgens, Greenville County Chief Electrical Inspector. Mr. McLeod reviewed Mr. Dodgens' certifications and qualifications and the content of the course. After discussion, Mr. Dorsey made the motion to approve Mr. Dodgens' course, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons and passed unanimously. Mr. Parson made to motion for staff to make recommendations for the qualification acceptable to approve courses in the construction field to be presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and passed unanimously.

8. Public Comments

Chairman Hodge reminded all CEO's of the registration renewal deadline of June 30, 2005.

Mr. Wiggins invited all to attend the Chapter 17 meeting after the Council meeting.

Ms. Georgia Toney stated that the SC Home Builders Association prepared a condensed version of the IRC Modifications that is available on its web site.

9. Date of Next Meeting

August 24, 2005

10. Adjournment