

SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Minutes

Monday, May 26, 2010

10:30 a.m

Called To Order:

Chairman Frank Hodge called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Greg Parsons, Vice Chairman; Thomas Brock; Chris Cullum; Frank Hill; Van McAlister; John Reich; Richard Sandler; John White; and Lee Jedzinak.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sharon Dantzer, Assistant Deputy General Counsel; Gary Wiggins, Administrator, Jennie Meade, Program Coordinator; Angela Scott, Administrative Assistant; Beth Cumalander, Administrative Assistant; and Charlie Ido, Investigations.

Others present participating during the meeting included: Brian Pietras; Thomas Scholtens; Roger Lowe; Jerry Merritt; Anthony Rivera; Douglas Smits; John England; Lisa Jones; Paul Coats; Allen Hutto; Ronald Brewer; T. Lee Cave; Rick Hallman; Bruce Spicher; Robert Harkins; J. Shaw Brashear; and John Wasson.

Chairman Hodge announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Building Codes Council office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to approve the May 26, 2010, 2010, Agenda. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, February 24, 2010 Meeting:

MOTION

Mr. Parsons made a motion to approve the February 24, 2010, meeting minutes. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

Lloyd Schuman; and Gable Stubbs received excused absences.

Chairman's Remarks:

No remarks made.

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

No remarks made.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE):

Charlie Ido

Mr. Ido reported that Office of Investigation and Enforcement staff attended the Annual Building Official Association (BOASC) Meeting held on May 2nd - May 5th at North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He stated that investigators Deer, Kirby and Hembree gave a presentation regarding the relationship between Residential, Manufactured Housing; and Building Codes Investigators and how it affects and interrelates with the Building Officials throughout the State. He reported that approximately seventy (70) building officials and inspectors

attended the meeting. Mr. Ido said BOASC asked that the following requests be relayed to the Commissions, Boards and Administrators:

- Each board to provide copies of Cease and Desist Orders to Building Officials;
- Website licensee look up to be user friendly; and
- Public Announcements on televisions and radio stating licensing for the construction trades is required.

Mr. Ido gave the following statistics concerning the number of investigations and open complaints cases since July 1 2004 to present:

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| 92 - Complaints Received | 80 - Closed Cases | 11 – Cases since January 2010 |
| 12 – Open Cases | 4 – Pending Litigation | 4 – Investigative Review Committee |

Office of General Counsel (OGC):

No report made.

Office of Licensure and Compliance (OLC):

No report made.

Old Business:

Mr. Richard Sendler inquired how the recently passed legislative bill would affect Council and the adoption of building codes. Mr. Wiggins stated that the adoption would go back to the two-year process that would include all amendments being placed in regulatory form. This process would begin in 2012 and the recently adopted 2009 codes will go forward for implementation set for January 1, 2011 as the adoption process has been completed prior to the effective date of the bill. Mrs. Danzler advised that the new language state that Council shall promulgate as Regulations in accordance to the procedures and requirements contained in the Administrative Procedures Act.

New Business:

Recommendation from Special Inspectors Committee:

Mr. Wiggins stated that staff received a letter from Mr. Jason Miller requesting that the Civil Engineering Technology Degree that is given at the technical schools be allowed for qualifying for a Special Inspectors registration without additional examinations. He said the issue was presented to the Special Inspectors Committee for a recommendation to the Council. Mr. Wiggins stated that the committee considered the question and recommended the degree not be accepted in lieu of the specialized certifications required for registration.

MOTION:

After some discussion, Mr. Sendler made a motion to accept the Special Inspectors Committee recommendation. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Courses – History:

Mr. Wiggins reported that at the time the Code Enforcement Officers Continuing Education Program started, Council delegated the tasks of approving the courses to staff. He said Council gave staff specific guidelines to follow in the approval process. He went on to say that staff was requesting that Council review its existing guidelines and advise whether it wanted to continue the original process or modify it. In addition, Mr. Wiggins requested guidance concerning Council's desires for the following specific issues.

1. Value of course to registrants – Presently, staff insists that the courses must be useable by registrants on a day-to-day basis. On occasion, staff receives a course that is related to construction (how wood is treated for rot or fire resistance or the installation techniques of ceramic tile), but not necessary for a registrant to perform plans review or inspections; or staff will receive a course that describes building

code requirements for a deluge curtain, which may be used once or twice in a registrants career. In this respect, does Council prefer to maintain the present guideline or broaden it to include more generalized information that may be nice to know, but not useable or useable on occasion?

2. Product oriented courses – Presently, staff insists that course providers associated with manufacturing, representing, promoting or selling a specific product, service, component or system must provide course information in generic form, without logos, product names or manufacturer specific information. On occasion, staff receives a course that has certain product information on slides or videos. In this respect, does Council prefer to maintain the present guideline or broaden it to allow logos, brand names or other product specific information to be included in the presentations?

After discussion, Mrs. Dantzler advised Council to delete from Exhibit 1 Item 1 “on a day-to-day basis” and add courses that are useable by registrants “in the course of practice as a Building Codes Official.”

Mrs. Dantzler also advised Council to review some of the questions and standards of other Boards within LLR that have set standards for online training.

MOTION:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to modify Exhibit 1 Item 1 delete the requirement that a course be “useable on a day-to-day basis”, and add to read “in the course of plan review or inspections.” Mr. Brock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Sendler made a motion for the Chairman and staff to appoint an Advisory Committee to review the training procedures and present a report at the next Council meeting. Mr. Brock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Ms. Allison Dean Love gave a progress report on construction of the Institute for Business and Home Safety Research Center, in Chester County, South Carolina. Ms. Love said the state of the art research and training facility will also have the capability of performing full scale testing for one or two story buildings in a variety of conditions, including high wind, wind-driven fire, wind-driven water intrusion and hail. She said the Grand Opening will be held October 19, 2010.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

Adjournment:

Mr. Sendler made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The May 26, 2010, meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.