

**SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SC FIRE ACADEMY
DENNY AUDITORIUM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012
10:30 am**

Called To Order:

Gregory Parsons, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Adolph Zubia, Chris Cullum, Curtis Rye, Darbis Briggman, Dean Wilson, Frank Hill, Tim Hance, John White, Lee Jedziniak, Lloyd Schumann, Mike Lowman, Thomas Brock, Susan Herdina, and Henry Drury.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Advise Attorney; Gary Wiggins, Administrator, and Reba C. Hayes, Court Reporter.

Others present participating during the meeting included: Brian Pietras, Anthony Rivera, John Westcott, Michelle Hawkins, T. Lee Cave, Chad Price, David Nichols, Earl McLeod, Joheida Fister, Tim Travers, Ken Derber, John England, Kenny Stratton, Ray Hoshall, Shaun Gastler, Ken Carr, Russell Ledford, Johathan Jones, Diane Woods, Chris Cudd, Steve Wilson, Mike Julazedeler, Paul W. Abernathy, Rebecca Brown, Kevin Smith, Michael Smith, Dameion Dawson, David Blackwell, Jim Still, C. Stewart, Michal Thomas, Ken Smith, Robert Harkins, Steve Hartwig, Matthew K. Lam, John M. Burns, Ricky Flowers, Terry Porter, Tom McCarty, Aaron Gadsby, David Stokes, Brice Isgett, Gary J. Mocariski, Terry Pruitt, Patrick Bradshaw, Andy Barber, Lee Mahoney, Bob Klein, Shaw Brashear, K. Patrick Brown, Daniel Stein, George Adams, John Wasson, Jr., Buddy Skinner, Tommy Holcombe, Randy Safer, Bruce Kline, Ray Hoshall, Ken Willis, Bryan Crowley, John Humphries, Charles H. Gray III, don Wood, Carter Jones, Bobby Brock, Richard Palmer, Richard Wucing, Dan Shirley, Chuck Corter, Wayne Barnhill Jr., Douglas Smits, Thomas Scholtens, Herb Yingling, Michael A. Johnson, Curtis Smith, Vaughn Wicker, Christopher Lee, Donny Phipps, Melissa Hopkins, Jamie Campbell, Corky Clark, Bruce Kirk, Jesse S. Burke, PE, Roni Jo Abdella, Jeff Nelson, Gordon McXXXX, Trent Cason, Rick Hallman, George Owens, Frank Hodge, Eddie Twilley, Doug Tompkins, Bruce Boulineau, Phill Elliott, Randy Ethers, Eric Odom, Tim Dickson, David Gully, Bruce D. Spicher, Bengie Levonett, Rob Freeman, Allen Hutto, Ronald Dean West, and Jonathan Sturkie.

Chairman Parsons announced that public 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 Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Hill made a motion the Council approve the agenda. Mr. Zubia stated that Senator Leventis was to be in attendance and he wished to speak to about the sprinkler item. Mr. Zubia asked if Council would be open to potentially amending the agenda if needed. Mr. Lowman made a motion to approve the agenda as modified. Mr. Rye seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Hill withdrew his original motion.

Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, February 22, 2012, Meeting:

Mr. Zubia made a motion the Council approve the February 22, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

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Chairman Parsons stated that Mr. Brock was the only member absent. Mr. Wiggins informed Council that Mr. Brock was expected.

Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for the input that they provide Council. He reminded everyone that there was a lot of items to cover and asked everyone to keep their comments succinct and not repeat material that was already presented. Chairman Parsons also reminded the members to not make individual inquiries into issues that they may read in the paper, as they may hear the issues as a Council.

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

Mr. Wiggins introduced Ms. Holly Pisarik, Director of LLR.

Ms. Pisarik stated that her job is to provide the resources that the Board needs to get business done. She then passed her business card to the member inviting them to contact her as a Board or individually about things that LLR can do to make the job easier.

Recognition of New Members:

Chairman Parsons introduced Council's new member: Mike Lowman.

Recognition of Past Members:

Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Richard Sendler and stated that there was a frame that will be placed around Mr. Sendler's certificate of appreciation. The frame's mat was on the table available for signatures throughout the day.

Office of Investigations and Enforcements (OIE):

Mr. Todd Bond was recognized by the chairman. He stated that there were no items needing to be discussed that the meeting.

Mr. Bond reported that since the first of the year seven cases had been received. There were three active investigations, one closed case and three were not yet opened.

Office of General Counsel (OGC):

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Balcony Railing Inspections: Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Wiggins. He stated that the balcony railing issue is the issue that Senator Lourie sent the members a letter of concern. He asked the members for their opinions. Chairman Parsons stated that he had researched the issue and spoke with the woman who lost her son. She was successful in getting legislation passed in Massachusetts; legislation proposed in Maryland and Colorado. After discussion Ms. Herdina made a motion requesting staff research what the other stated did and report back to for the Council to determine whether it has interest in pursuing the matter further. Mr. Hill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Request to delegate authority to Chair Cease and Desist/Letter of Caution: Chairman Parsons recognized Mr. Wiggins who stated that Cease and Desist Orders and Letters of Caution are documents issued by the Council. He went on to ask the Council to delegate that responsibility to the Chairman or to Staff. Mr. Spoon suggested that it not be every cease and desist or every letter of caution. Mr. Spoon said parameters should be set to guide the person signing the documents.

Mr. Zubia made a motion to ask staff to develop criteria by which the Chairperson can sign a Cease and Desist Order or Letter of Caution. Mr. Briggman seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Application Review: An application review was held for Mr. John Humphries. Council instructed staff to reinstate Mr. Humphries registration.

Public Comments:

Chairman Parsons recognized the past Council members in the audience. Mr. Thomas Scholtens stated concerns regarding the availability of the codes to the members. His concerns were responded to by Chairman Parsons and Mr. Wiggins.

Date of Next Meeting – February 22, 2012:

The next meeting of the SC Building Codes Council has been set for Wednesday, August 22, 2012.

Adjournment:

The Wednesday, May 23, 2012, meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. with the code hearings to begin after a short break.

These minutes are a record of the motions/official actions taken by the Council and a brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail is available on the Council's website.