

The Role of the TAG, as excerpted from the Council By-laws

Technical Advisory Groups

1. Technical Advisory Groups may be established by the Council or Standing Committee Chairs, to assist the Council and Standing Committees in the discharge of their responsibilities. 1(a) The Technical Advisory Groups shall be constituted using a list of subject matter experts and other interested parties as designated by the Council and maintained by Council staff.
2. Technical Advisory Groups shall be composed of at least one voting and/or ex officio members of the Council, and one voting member representing each constituent group designated by the Council and appointed by the Council or Standing Committee Chair. Members shall serve as needed. Voting TAG members shall serve a three year term and may be reappointed for one additional term.
3. The Chair of the Technical Advisory Group shall be a voting or ex-officio member of the Council, as appointed by the Council or standing codes committee Chair. Other Council members may participate but not vote unless designated a TAG member.
4. Technical Advisory Groups may conduct research into code related matters, review proposed amendments to the codes, and identify and define issues related to the codes, as requested by the Council or Standing Committee. Proponents and opponents of proposed amendments to the codes shall follow guidelines for testimony established by the Council.
5. Recommendations from a Technical Advisory Group to the Council or Standing Codes Committee shall be made by consensus of the voting members of the Technical Advisory Group, whenever possible. Lacking a consensus, a recommendation shall be made by a majority vote of a quorum of voting TAG members. Consensus recommendations shall include a brief summary of the rationale for the recommendation. Recommendations to approve, modify, or disapprove state amendments to the codes shall be based on the criteria established by the Council. Disputed recommendations shall be presented to Standing Codes Committees in the form of an issue paper, outlining all issues related to the subject.
6. When reviewing proposed amendments to the codes, Technical Advisory Groups shall identify proposed changes that may have an economic impact on small businesses, housing affordability, construction costs, life-cycle costs, and the cost of code enforcement and shall report those findings to the Economic Impact, Enforcement, Correlation and Construction Committee.
7. TAG meetings shall be attended by and monitored by a non-voting, non-code user Council member for procedural auditing purposes. TAG meetings are open to the public and public input is welcome.