



# Washington State Building Code Council

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## SUMMARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**LOCATION:** CenterPlace Regional Events Center  
2426 N. Discovery Place  
Spokane Valley, WA

**MEETING DATE:** September 15, 2017

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p><b>Members in Attendance:</b> Steve Simpson, Council Chair; Dave DeWitte, Vice Chair; Al French; Diane Glenn; Leanne Guier; Robert Graper; Traci Harvey; Duane Jonlin; Andrew Klein; Phil Lemley; Doug Orth; Kevin Shutty; Eric Vander Mey; Rod Mutch</p> <p><b>Members Absent:</b> Jim Tinner</p> <p><b>Council Staff in Attendance:</b> Tim Nogler, Managing Director; Krista Braaksma</p> <p><b>Visitors Present:</b> Richard Brown, Tim Attebery, Al Audette, Ken Brouette, Suzanne Mayr, Jeannette McKague, Kevin Myre, Jan Rohila, Jed Scheuermann, Matt Sigler, Randy Vissia</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Council Chair Steve Simpson. Introductions were made.</p>
2. Review and Approve Agenda	The <a href="#">agenda</a> was approved as written.
3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda	None.
4. Review and Approve Minutes	The minutes of the <a href="#">August 21</a> Council meeting were approved.
5. Introduction of New Managing Director	<p>Richard Brown was introduced as the incoming Managing Director, starting October 1. Dr. Brown addressed the Council, who said he was looking forward to the opportunity and challenge.</p> <p>The Council thanked Tim Nogler for his work with the Council. Tim stated he would continue on staff until October 31.</p>
6. Overview of Council Process	<p>Tim Nogler presented a <a href="#">slide show</a> of the Council process and responsibilities as outlined in the statutes. He noted that, in addition to local amendments that may come before the Council for approval, there are a few amendments that have been pre-approved by the Council for local adoption such as the fire sprinkler requirements and straw bale construction appendix.</p> <p>Tim also encouraged members to check the Council website frequently for documents related to the meetings. These are posted under the “Council Meeting Documents” link on the home page.</p>

<p>7. Public Hearing on <a href="#">Proposed Rules</a></p>	<p>Tim noted this proposed language is what is currently in effect via emergency rulemaking. He also said there has been some confusion on how this is posted under the fire code—there was a delay in the initial filing of the fire code portion but it has been filed.</p> <p>No testimony provided. Hearing will be continued on October 13.</p>
<p>8. Public Comment on <a href="#">Proposed Language</a> Related to Van Accessible Parking Spaces</p>	<p>No comments provided. The Public Hearing will be on October 13 in Olympia. Duane Jonlin asked, recalling the previous discussion in June on this topic, asked if the language would be retroactive. Tim said it was like any other requirement in chapter 11. It would apply to any work being done, although there could be an argument made that the statute says there needs to be no parking signs.</p>
<p>9. Technical Advisory Groups <i>Membership</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p> <p><i>Bylaws</i></p> <p><i>Motion :</i></p>	<p>Tim Nogler noted the 2018 books have not yet been received. The general availability of the 2018 codes will trigger the adoption process. The matter at hand is looking at the membership. Steve emphasized that the Group 1 codes TAGs should be the highest priority.</p> <p>Tim presented a list of those <a href="#">individuals who have submitted applications</a> for TAG positions. There were 57 applications for 80 positions. Thirteen of those members would be serving a third term, which would require a change to the Bylaws. Those applicants are marked with an asterisk. Tim suggested doing another round of recruitment targeting those positions that remain empty. Robert Graper asked if it would be possible for him to serve as the structural engineer on the IBC TAG. The answer was yes. Steve emphasized that all the TAG meetings are open public meetings and everyone with an interest is encouraged to attend and participate. Duane Jonlin objected to having two separate TAGs listed for the energy code TAG—residential and commercial. The Council had previously determined there should only be one TAG. If members wished to step down after the commercial portion, that would be permissible.</p> <p><b>Al French</b> moved to direct staff to send out a <b>targeted recruitment</b> for those positions on the TAGs that were vacant. <b>Diane Glenn</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b> with no opposing votes.</p> <p>Steve reminded the Council members that changes to the Bylaws could be made by the Council under an advised agenda item. Such changes required a 2/3 majority vote of the Council.</p> <p>Duane felt the requirement for <a href="#">term limits for TAG members</a> was a bad idea. He felt the institutional memory they represent was important; and if an organization had a specific individual they want to participate, the Council shouldn't oppose additional terms. He advocated striking the term restriction from the Bylaws. Steve agreed it could be difficult finding people willing to do the work, but did not want to turn away any new volunteers in favor of “institutional memory.”</p> <p>There was a debate regarding the advantages and disadvantages of “new blood” and “institutional knowledge.” Eric Vander Mey noted in the past there have been members and alternates appointed to TAGs.</p> <p>Leanne Guier felt it should be explicit that everyone would need to reapply to be considered for a TAG position.</p> <p><b>Leanne Guier</b> moved to strike “TAG members shall serve a three year term and may be reappointed for one additional term.” under Article III, Technical Advisory Groups, Item 3 in the Bylaws and insert “Each TAG member must reapply for each code cycle. <b>Duane Jonlin</b> seconded the motion.</p>

	<p><b>Al French offered a friendly amendment</b> to restate the inserted sentence as “Applications for TAG positions will be accepted at the end of each code cycle term for appointment.”</p> <p><b>Leanne withdrew her motion</b>, with the consent of the second, in favor of Al’s language. <b>Al French moved</b> the language as stated, seconded by <b>Duane Jonlin</b>. The <b>motion carried</b> with no opposing votes or abstentions.</p>
<p>10. Local Amendment Request <i>City of Long Beach</i></p> <p><i>Public Comment</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p>	<p>The first request is for an <a href="#">amendment to the IRC</a> and would require felt as the water resistive barrier for those areas with ocean exposure. They cite unique climatic conditions, being in a high wind area with lots of wind-driven sand that enters into the siding and degrades building wraps.</p> <p>Duane felt it was inadvisable to move forward without comments from other industries and product manufacturers on the performance of various products in such conditions. Diane said that while the code does include felt as an acceptable product, it is not really used in Washington. She feels they may actually intend to refer to asphalt-saturated building paper. She also noted that there are other products that hold up well in such conditions. Andrew Klein voiced concerns over the single product specifications and asked that the Council’s counsel review the proposal. Traci Harvey was also concerned about the lack of data or substantiation for the change. Duane felt it came down to whether the Council should table the issue to do the research or deny the proposal and have the jurisdiction do the research.</p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Andrew Klein</b> moved to <b>deny</b> the local amendment request based on the discussion noted above. <b>Diane Glenn</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b> with no opposing votes or abstentions.</p> <p><b>Eric Vander Mey</b> moved to have Council staff <b>respond to the jurisdiction</b> with the reasoning for the denial and suggestions for moving forward. <b>Duane Jonlin</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b>.</p> <p>Diane Glenn said she would assist the staff in the response to the jurisdiction.</p>
<p>11. Interpretation Requests <a href="#">City of Bellingham</a></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p> <p><a href="#">City of Redmond</a></p>	<p>The second request has to do with the definition of habitable attic and what constitutes a habitable attic versus an additional story, and if adding a dormer to a habitable attic would be allowed.</p> <p>Duane Jonlin felt the proposed answer that a dormer would not be allowed was wrong. A dormer isn’t any different than a simple gable roof.</p> <p>Diane said that if the dormer fit and didn’t stick up above the roofline, she didn’t see a problem.</p> <p>Andrew Klein agreed with the answer. Anything else would be writing new codes through interpretation.</p> <p><b>Duane Jonlin</b> moved to respond that a dormer would be allowable. <b>Al French</b> seconded the motion. The motion carried. After further discussion, Duane moved to <b>reconsider the previous motion</b>. Al seconded that motion as well. The motion carried.</p> <p><b>Duane Jonlin</b> then moved to direct staff to <b>research the issue</b> and see if ICC or other jurisdictions/organizations perceive any limitations on the size of a habitable attic. <b>Al French</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b>.</p> <p>The third request is a follow up to a previous interpretation on the requirements for rated corridors and hoistway protection. The Council briefly discussed the</p>

<p><i>Motion:</i></p> <p><u>City of Moses Lake</u></p> <p><i>Public Comment:</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p> <p><u>Island County</u></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p>	<p>proposed answer and the alternate solutions that could be applied in keeping with Section 708.</p> <p><b>Duane Jonlin</b> moved to approve the answer as drafted. <b>Traci Harvey</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b>.</p> <p>The fourth request is regarding an occupancy change and accessible restrooms.</p> <p><b>Kevin Myre</b> from Moses Lake said he was concerned that, if the answer was yes, it could lead to a situation with a Group A occupancy of 75 or more with only a single accessible restroom.</p> <p>The Council debated the issue and what the actual intent was. The term “bathing rooms” seems to be creating the confusion.</p> <p><b>Duane Jonlin</b> moved to refer the interpretation to the Building, Fire and Plumbing Codes Committee. <b>Al French</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b>.</p> <p>The final request is related to heated garages accessory to dwelling units and whether this would come under the commercial or residential portion of the energy code.</p> <p>The Council debated the issue, with most members feeling that this would be covered under the residential portion of the code. Duane, Andrew and Al were concerned as to how this would apply to a home-based business.</p> <p><b>Duane Jonlin</b> moved to approve the response using <b>Answer B</b>. <b>Andrew Klein</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b> with one opposing vote.</p>
<p>12. Legislative Relations</p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p>	<p>Tim noted there was still an unfilled ex-officio position from the majority party in the Senate, which remains unfilled based on concerns regarding the Council’s process.</p> <p>Tim also reported that there will be a meeting at the end of the month with Representative Senn to look at strategy for the 2018 session, looking at process issues and funding.</p> <p>Under the current Bylaws, the Legislative Committee is restricted to just monitoring legislation, rather than actively engaging in proposed legislation. We have recently been approached by Ecology to support agency request legislation on underground storage tanks. Tim declined, stating the Council does not take positions on legislation. There is a need to work on the policies for questions and issues that arise. The Council debated whether the issue should be discussed under the Legislative Committee or the Executive Committee.</p> <p>No public comment was received.</p> <p><b>Leanne Guier</b> moved to convene the <b>Executive Committee</b> to discuss strategy and how the Council interacts with the legislature. <b>Diane Glenn</b> seconded the motion. The <b>motion carried</b>.</p>
<p>13. E-mail Protocol</p>	<p>The Council has been advised they need to revise the email protocol to eliminate the need to search members' email accounts and personal devices in the event of a public records request. DES technical support will be supplying instructions on how to do that. It is hoped to have that information for the next meeting. Further information will be posted on the web page.</p>
<p>14. Staff Report</p>	<p>Tim noted there was still a vacant staff position. It is anticipated to be filled once Richard Brown comes on board.</p>

<p>15. Other Business <i>Energy Code Update</i></p>	<p>Eric Vander Mey reported on the Energy Policy Act review of the Energy Code. DOE has done there preliminary determination report on ASHRAE 90.1 2016 issued in July showing a 6.7% site energy savings over the 2013 edition. The final report is due sometime in the next year. Once that report is issued, the state will have two years to report their progress on compliance with that standard for commercial buildings. For the 2015 IECC for residential buildings, the DOE showed a 1% site energy savings. The goal for the Washington State Energy Code is another 14% improvement over the previous code cycle or 8-9% over the 2006 code.</p>
<p>16. Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.</p>

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