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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: DES Building, 1st Floor Presentation Room
1500 Jefferson Street
Olympia, WA 98501

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2017

Members in Attendance: Steve Simpson, Chair; Dave DeWitte, Vice Chair; Leanne Guier; Diane Glenn; Traci Harvey; Duane Jonlin; Phil Lemley; Doug Orth; Jim Tinner; Eric Vander Mey

Members Absent: Al French, Andrew Klein, Robert Graper, Kevin Shetty

Staff In Attendance: Richard Brown, Managing Director; Brian Fowler, Assistant Attorney General; Krista Braaksma; David Hruska

Visitors Present: Al Audette, Michael Baranick, Nancy Johns, Jonathan Jones, Jeff Losey, James Marker, Chuck Murray, Jan Rohila, Jed Scheuermann, Kraig Stevenson, Bruce Verhei, Laura Wynn

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Steve Simpson. Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.
2. Review & Approve Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.
3. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda	None offered.
4. Review & Approve Minutes	The minutes from the October 13, 2017, meeting were approved as written.
5. Rulemaking Deliberation	Chair Steve Simpson asked Richard Brown what options were open to the Council when considering the rules. Richard said there were three options: move forward and adopt as filed, adopt with modifications or not adopt at this time.
<i>Group E/I-4 emergency voice alarm</i>	Diane Glenn felt the written testimony from Bellevue made some salient points. Traci Harvey noted the language as presented in the permanent rule was a compromise reached with the industry and modifying it at this point would cause problems. It will be reviewed again during the 2018 code adoption process and may be modified at that point.
<i>Motion:</i>	Diane Glenn moved to approve the proposed rule as written. Traci Harvey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
<i>Van accessible parking space</i>	Krista Braaksma noted there was no testimony received on this issue.

	<p><i>Motion:</i> Duane Jonlin moved to approve the proposed rule as written. Doug Orth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>6. Emergency Rule request</p> <p><i>Public comment</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p>	<p>Richard introduced the request from Bellevue to include buildings with a Group I-4 occupancy in Risk Category III of Table 1604.5. He noted an emergency rule must be an imminent threat to life safety. It can also be considered as part of the regular rulemaking process, or reviewed for off-cycle adoption this year. The final option would be to deny the petition.</p> <p>Diane Glenn agreed with the proponents that there seems to be a gap within the classification and this proposal would bridge that gap.</p> <p>Duane Jonlin was concerned about the increased cost this would impose on childcare centers. Diane noted this would apply only to buildings with occupant loads greater than 250. The Council debated the issue and how the occupant load is derived. The Council felt there were enough questions that it should go through the TAG process.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Doug Orth moved to send the issue to the IBC TAG. Duane Jonlin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>7. Interpretation Request</p> <p><i>City of Bellevue</i></p> <p><i>Public Comment:</i></p> <p><i>Motion:</i></p>	<p>Eric Vander Mey walked the Council through his draft response to Bellevue’s question on how required automatic ventilation controls work with the dedicated outdoor air system requirements.</p> <p>Mike Bennett said he worked with Bellevue on developing the interpretation request. He felt the question was adequately answered in the response. To clarify, he asked if that means a DOAS unit serving multiple zones, if occupancy sensors are required, that it must be a VAV system unless the system falls into one of the stated exceptions. That could be a high cost requirement. Eric replied that it would not necessarily have to be a pressure independent systems but does have to be variable volume. He also noted that someone could submit a code change proposal to add an exemption.</p> <p>Doug asked if this was an unintended consequence of the DOAS requirement. Duane felt it was intentional, because ventilating an unoccupied space wastes a lot of energy.</p> <p>Duane Jonlin moved to approve the interpretation with an editorial correction in the sixth sentence to change the first bullet from “Is the” to “Does the”. Leanne Guier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>8. Energy Code Goals</p> <p><i>Public Comment</i></p>	<p>Eric Vander Mey noted the Council went through the letter at the October meeting. There was a motion on the floor to accept the document as a guideline that was superseded by a motion to defer discussion to this meeting.</p> <p>Doug Orth asked if the fee increase would allow for additional staffing to complete the cost analysis. Richard said one of the unmet needs addressed by the legislation was funding to perform a robust cost analysis.</p> <p>Jan Rohila, BIAW, asked if the document was intended out define or outline the Council’s body of work over the next two years. Eric replied that was one of the goals. It would serve to provide an interpretation of the RCW to create a position statement and to be used by the TAG and proponents to evaluate code changes.</p> <p>Jan also asked if the study referenced in the final sentence of the 2015 WSEC section was done or is expected to be done. Duane replied the Council doesn’t currently have</p>

	<p>the resources to perform the study. However, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance has allotted funds for the work to be done in 2018.</p> <p>Jan said she is concerned about what the expectation is for the next code cycle. Doug felt this was an important question. We need to know how far we should be moving forward and what the achievement was last cycle.</p> <p>Duane noted that, regardless of the cycle goal, every proposal is evaluated on its own merit.</p> <p>Doug asked if BIAW had suggestions on how to move forward this cycle. Jan replied it would depend on the determined percentage goal.</p> <p>The Council continued to debate the merits of the 50-year timeframe of the lifecycle cost analysis tool.</p> <p>Chuck Murray said he would put together another webinar on the tool to help clarify what the tool does and doesn't do. Any changes can be discussed after the training.</p> <p>Doug said one of his main concerns is that the tool is not being applied to all code changes.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> Jim Tinner moved to accept Eric Vander Mey's draft document as a guideline. Duane Jonlin seconded the motion. (<i>From October</i>)</p> <p>Doug Orth proposed a friendly amendment to the motion to include language allowing an alternate method of cost effectiveness under item 4e. Jim Tinner agreed to the friendly amendment, but Duane Jonlin did not.</p> <p>Jim Tinner withdrew his motion, with concurrence of the second.</p> <p>There was brief Council discussion over the language of the modification to 4e.</p> <p>Doug Orth moved to accept the draft document with a modification to Item 4e, adding a final sentence to read "An alternate method of cost effectiveness analysis may be applied." The motion was seconded by Diane Glenn. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>9. Staff Report</p> <p><i>Legislation</i></p> <p><i>Public Comment</i></p> <p><i>Email</i></p> <p><i>2018 Meeting Schedule</i></p>	<p>Richard reported that he, Steve and Duane met with legislators and stakeholders to discuss the fee bill. The summary will be posted and sent out to Council members. The current proposal is to raise the residential permit fee from \$4.50 to \$6.50 and the commercial from \$4.50 to \$10. An additional \$25 fee would be added to the architectural licensing fee. Steve added that additional revenue could take staff up to 5 FTEs. Richard will be sending the draft information to Council members.</p> <p>Doug noted he met with Representative Senn and representatives from AGC earlier. He felt the fee should be indexed to the cost of the work, that way the fee would go up and down with the cost of the project and wouldn't be tied to legislation. It may be difficult to realize for residential, however.</p> <p>Kraig Stevenson, ICC, noted there were less staff members now although the code issues have become more complex. He felt the Council should play a role in helping the new generation of building officials coming in as the "old guard" retires. He suggested the Council look at how other agencies deal with complying with the statute on significant rules, as that part of the draft legislation will remain.</p> <p>Steve noted DES is still working out the details for Council member email addresses.</p> <p>Krista Braaksma presented a draft meeting schedule for 2018. The boilerplate schedule has been adjusted somewhat, adding a February meeting to deal with legislative matters and moving the March meeting to April to accommodate a later code change submission</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Appointments</i></p>	<p>deadline. There are also two meetings proposed for November to deal with the adoption process.</p> <p>Eric suggested adding committee meetings in November as well.</p> <p>Duane Jonlin moved to approve the 2018 meeting schedule, with the addition of committee meetings on the Thursdays before the Council meetings in November. Doug Orth seconded the motion.</p> <p>Steve suggested that the committee meetings be held in the morning prior to the Council meeting. Duane felt there should be time between the committee meeting and Council meeting to allow any corrections to be finalized.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Doug Orth asked if Richard had any information regarding appointments for 2018. Richard said five members' terms are up, but they are all eligible for reappointment.</p>
<p>10. Other Business</p>	<p>Steve announced that this was David DeWitte's last Council meeting. Steve read into the record a thank you letter from the Governor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dear David,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>As your membership on the Building Code Council comes to an end, I would like to thank and commend you for your dedicated service.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>I truly appreciate the considerable time and energy you devoted to the Building Code Council, and I hope that it has been a rewarding experience. The influential decisions you made helped shape the quality of life for the residents of our state. Additionally, the personal responsibility you took to ensure the Building Code Council operated with transparency and responsiveness for the citizens of the State of Washington is to be applauded.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Again, thank you for your service and best wishes in your future endeavors.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Very truly yours, Jay Inslee, Governor</i></p> <p>Dave DeWitte thanked the members and said he felt the commendation should go to all them who contribute their expertise and time.</p>
<p>11. Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.</p>