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## STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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## STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

**LOCATION:** The meeting was held via Zoom.

**MEETING DATE:** Friday, May 20, 2022

<u>Members in Attendance</u>: Tony Doan, Acting Council Chair; Kjell Anderson; Jay Arnold; Todd Beyreuther; Micah Chappell; Daimon Doyle; Robert Hamlin; Roger Heeringa; Craig Holt; Peter Rieke; Katy Sheehan; Caroline Traube; Corey Wilker; Senator John Lovick; Representative Alex Ramel

<u>Staff In Attendance</u>: Stoyan Bumbalov, Managing Director; Dierk Meierbachtol, Assistant Attorney General; Krista Braaksma; Annette Haworth

<u>Visitors Present</u>: Bryan Ahee, Larry Andrews, Kim Barker, Terry Beals, Sam Beeson, Dan Beha, Ken Brouillette, Jeff DeVere, Chris Dickinson, Kevin Duell, Luke Howard, Mary Hull-Drury, Adam Hutchinson, Carolyn Logue, Carol Manus, Nick McCutcheon, Jeanette McKague, C McKinney, Megan McPhaden, Craig Olson, Todd Overly, Kathleen Petrie, Liz Reichart, Blake Ringeisen, Tena Risley, Kevin Rose, Jed Scheuermann, Ray Shipman, Ron Shughart, Andrea Smith, Sophia Steele, K Stevenson, Kerry Sutton, Bret Van den Heuvel, Amy Wheeless, Tom Young

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chair, Tony Doan. Everyone was welcomed and roll was called. A quorum of the Committee was present.
2. Review and Approve Agenda	It was moved, seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.
3. Possible Executive Session	Dierk Meierbachtol, Assistant Attorney General, clarified the BIAW vs. Inslee lawsuit was resolved this week and he would be available if anyone had any questions that would need to be discussed during an Executive Session. He went on to state the Court entered formal dismissal of the action with prejudice.
Public Comment on Items not on the agenda	There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.
5. Review and Approve Minutes	The minutes from the April 22, 2022, meeting were not available for review due to technical issues with the audio recording.

This material in alternative formats including braille, large print, and audio recording is available on request by emailing the SBCC at sbcc@des.wa.gov.

6. Council Leadership	Stoyan Bumbalov, Managing Director, reviewed the Bylaws and proposed two options for amendments to the Bylaws pertaining to the appointment of Council Chair and Council Vice Chair.  Discussion was held and further modifications to the proposed language were approved. It was moved, seconded, and passed to amend Article II of the Bylaws, by adding clarifying language related to vacancies.  The adopted modification specifies that in the event of a vacancy of a Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume the position of the Chair, serving the unexpired term of the Chair. In the event of a vacancy of a Vice Chair, the Council shall elect a Vice Chair to complete the unexpired term of the Vice Chair, and the position shall be filled by election not later than the date of the second ensuing regularly scheduled Council meeting. Pursuant to the amended Bylaws, Tony Doan was appointed as the new Council Chair.
7. Appointment of Committees	Stoyan Bumbalov explained the process for selection and appointment of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Standing Committee members. Each TAG and Committee was reviewed for vacancies, and Council members were appointed to represent the Council is such TAGs and Committees.  It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve all TAG and Standing Committees, as modified. (TAG and Standing Committee members are posted on the SBCC website)
8. Request for Emergency Rule – Proposed Temporary Heat Pump Efficiency Reduction	Stoyan Bumbalov reviewed RCW 34.05.350 (Emergency rules and amendments) and highlighted important portions of the law.  The proponents, Carolyn Logue and Craig Olson, introduced the proposal. There were clarifying questions asked and responses provided by the proponent. Public comments related to the proposal were heard. Discussion was held by the Council, and it was suggested the proponent come back with additional options for a remedy.  It was moved, seconded, and passed to not adopt the Temporary Heat Pump Efficiency Reduction proposal.
9. TAG Progress Reports for Group 2 Codes  • IEBC / IBC-Structural  • IRC  • IMC/IFGC  • UPC  • WSEC-R	Stoyan Bumbalov reviewed the timeline for the 2021 code adoption process. The overview included TAG's recommendations to the BFP and MVE Committees, and the Committee recommendations to the Council.  IBC TAG Chair, Todd Beyreuther, informed the Council about the TAG progress and highlighted some areas the TAG needed more time to discuss and complete.  IRC TAG Chair, Micah Chappell, informed the Council about the TAG progress and highlighted some areas and proposals coming up for discussion.

	IMC TAG Chair, Caroline Traube, reviewed the highlights of their process and mentioned what was coming up at their next meeting. WSEC-R TAG Chair, Kjell Anderson, reviewed where the TAG was in the process and outlined what was coming up at their next meeting.
10. Other Business	Dierk Meierbachtol, Assistant District Attorney, clarified the amendments to the Bylaws are effective immediately after approved by the Council and the vacant Vice-Chair position could be addressed at the June 17 Council meeting.
	Larry Andrews made comments on a proposal that was turned down. Kjell Anderson asked Larry Andrews to submit, in writing, his suggestions.
	Ken Brouillette addressed the two sections in the current 2018 Washington State Fire Code, specifically, state amendments to Sections 904.1.1 and 904.1.1.3. He raised a concern about editorial changes made during IFC TAG meetings that haven't incorporated yet. Stoyan Bumbalov clarified that editorial changes can be made by expedited rulemaking; however, the 2021 code adoption has a priority. It was agreed Ken would provide the details in an email to Staff and Council to review.
	Kevin Duell asked a question in the Q&A section of the webinar directed to Dierk Meierbachtol. Dierk Meierbachtol indicated he would provide an answer after a research.
11. Staff Report	Stoyan Bumbalov expressed his appreciation of SBCC staff and noted the SBCC was currently accepting applications and conducting interviews for two code specialist vacant positions. He notified new Council members he would be reaching out for onboarding, and ask the new Council members to contact him if anyone has questions or concerns.
	Stoyan Bumbalov stated he would ask the Council for a recommendation for the third party that will prepare the Final Cost Benefit Analysis for the residential energy code. Stoyan Bumbalov also noted that a Request for Reconsideration will be on the June 17 Council agenda for discussion.
	Stoyan Bumbalov also addressed letters he received from legislators with questions regarding the adoption of the Commercial Energy Code. He indicated most of the questions were already addressed during the adoption process, and responses will be provided with the concise explanatory statement.
12. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.