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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: The meeting was held at
DES Building – Room 1213
1500 Jefferson St SE, Olympia, WA 98504
with Zoom and teleconference options

MEETING DATE: Friday, April 25, 2025

Members in Attendance: Council Chair Todd Beyreuther, Kjell Anderson, Jay Arnold, Tom Handy, Angela Haupt, Roger Heeringa, Tye Menser, Ben Omura, Pete Rieke, Katy Sheehan

Members Absent: Justin Bourgault, Dan Young, Lorin Lathrop, Senator John Lovick, Representative Alex Ramel, Representative Suzanne Schmidt, Senator Shelly Short

Staff In Attendance: Managing Director Dustin Curb, Assistant Attorney General Dierk Meierbachtol, Krista Braaksma, Josh Brown, Rozanna Ghanie, Brandin Groat

Visitors Present: Larry Andrews, Tim Attebery, Hans Erik Blomgren, Rick Blumenthal, Ken Brouillette, Ian Casey, Brett Conway, Jim Dennison, Diamon Doyle, Patrick Hanks, Adam Hutchinson, Bryan Imai, Gregory Johnson, Jonny Kocher, Eric Lacey, Carol Manus, Nick Massie, David Mow, Jenny Nickerson, Kevin Rose, Lisa Rosenow, Cory Shaw, Deepa Sivarajan, Andrea Smiley, Brian Smith, Todd Stratmoen, Elizabeth Torske

Agenda Items	Council Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Todd Beyreuther, at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and quorum was established. Managing Director, Dustin Curb, explained the April 18 was adjourned to April 25 due to Zoom technical in accordance OPMA with RCW 42.30.090. This meeting is treated as a special meeting; however, no additional items were added to the agenda outside what was intended for the initial April 14, 2025 meeting. Members of the public who wished to introduce themselves were given the opportunity to do so.
2. Review and Approve Agenda	SBCC Staff presented the agenda. Tom Handy noted at the February 21 Council Meeting, the minutes from January 24,

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	<p>February 6 were not available for review. Additionally, the March 21 minutes are not available for this meeting.</p> <p>Roger Heeringa noted that during <i>Other Business</i>, there will be discussion regarding modification to a proposal within the Single Exit/Multiplex TAG.</p> <p>Motion: Kjell Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Angela Haupt second, and motion passed.</p>
<p>3. Review and Approve Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 21, 2025 April 18, 2025 	<p>SBCC Staff presented minutes from both February 21, 2025, and April 18, 2025.</p> <p>Motion: Tom Handy moved to approve minutes as presented. Jay Arnold second, and motion passed.</p>
<p>4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda</p>	<p>Larry Andrews spoke on concerns with the Energy Code.</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive MVPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. UPC Reports ii. UPC Proposal Window BRFW Legislative 	<p>Executive: Committee Chair, Todd Beyreuther, provided overview of the Executive Committee report.</p> <p>MVPE: Ben Omura spoke to the MVPE report as he was elected to chair the meeting due to chair vacancies. He noted the UPC Significant Changes and Existing Amendments report were reviewed and moved to bring to the Council Meeting.</p> <p>BRFW: Committee Chair, Roger Heeringa, reported that the committee reviewed four IBC petitions: Stairway Pressurization, Static Dampers, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, and Embodied Carbon petitions. He noted that the BRFW is taking over the document management for the EV petitions with the goal of creating a combined document to bring to the next BRFW.</p> <p>After the BRFW report was complete, discussion began regarding the UPC reports and the petition window. MVP TAG chair, Ben Omura, briefly explained the Existing Amendments and Significant Changes reports. During discussion, Patrick Hanks with BIAW inquired which specific recommendation was altered at the previous MVP TAG meeting. SBCC Staff, Brandin Groat, noted it was 603.2—Backflow Prevention.</p> <p>Motion: Ben Omura moved to have the Council approve reports as modified and reviewed on screen from the MVP TAG, open proposal window from April 25 to June 23, and review applicable reports and address any concerns. Katy Sheehan second. Voice vote was taken, and motion passed.</p> <p>Legislative: Committee Chair, Tom Handy, reported that the committee will continue to meet weekly until the Legislative Session concludes. After that, the committee will meet once every other month.</p>
<p>6. I-2066 Petitions for Amendment 2021 Codes</p>	<p>Council Chair, Todd Beyreuther, provided overview of the Council's action—to accept and hold for the 2021 WSEC-C/R. The petition window has since closed.</p>

	<p>Assistant Attorney General, Dierk Meierbachtol, spoke to the letter received from the Sierra Club, if I-2066 is <i>Good Law</i>, and if the Superior Courts decision to strike down I-2066 is unconstitutional. King County Courts ruled from the bench that I-2066 is unconstitutional but no written order had been issued. Dierk Meierbachtol noted that the rule goes into effect once the judge provides a written judgement. It is unknown when this will be complete.</p> <p>Council Members and members of the public held discussion surrounding next steps the Council will need to take with the 2021 WSEC petitions received.</p> <p>Motion: Kjell Anderson moved to thank those who submitted petitions, 2021 WSEC petitions will remain on file, send petitions to the appropriate TAGs if I-2066 is found to be constitutional by the courts and the Council finds them relevant to compliance at that time, and that will be the Council's direction in the future. Angela Haupt second.</p> <p>Discussion was heard from Council Members and members of the public.</p> <p>Modification to the Motion: Kjell Anderson amended his motion to thank those who submitted petitions, maintain 2021 WSEC petitions on file, conclude the CR-101 process, and the Council could potentially restart rulemaking if the situation changes. Angela Haupt maintained their second. Voice vote was taken, and motion passed.</p>
7. Wildland Urban Interface Code	<p>Dustin Curb explained the timeline the WUI Code and the legislature's ruling. He asked the Council what is intended for the 2024 Code Cycle, and if staff should prepare reports or hold off.</p> <p>Multiple Council members voiced their concerns regarding current wildfire risks and noted that SBCC should work on some code adoption and the defensible space. Other Council members noted that the maps are needed to create the WUI Code, and the local jurisdictions can create their own mapping.</p> <p>Angela Haupt noted that the SBCC currently does not have jurisdiction over the WUI Code. Before SBCC could move forward with the WUI Code, the legislature would need to direct SBCC first.</p> <p>Kjell Anderson suggested that the staff and TAG start work on the WUI Code in 2026 and prepare for the 2026 Legislative Session, the Council can take proactive steps to work with legislators on how the WUI Code could look.</p> <p>Further discussion was held, and it was decided that the WUI Code conversation will continue in future meetings.</p>
8. TAG appointments	<p>Dustin Curb presented TAG seats. There was discussion to remove Jesse Bank from the #4 seat and have them at the #12 seat on the WUI Code.</p>

	<p>Motion: Tom Handy moved to adopt seats as presented. Roger Heeringa second. Voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.</p>
9. Committees Composition	<p>Dustin Curb presented Committee composition.</p> <p>Fire Code Chair Alternate--Angela Haupt volunteered to replace Roger Heeringa.</p> <p>WSEC-Commercial Chair Alternate—vacant.</p> <p>BRFW—Tye Menser volunteered for seat #7.</p> <p>Legislative—Angela Haupt volunteered for the vacant position.</p> <p>MVPW—Jay Arnold withdraws from the chair position.</p> <p>Motion: Kjell Anderson moved to table Committees Composition until the next meeting. Katy Sheehan second. Voice vote was taken, and motion passed.</p>
10. 2024 Cycle: Schedule Update	<p>Dustin Curb explained the current trajectory of the 2024 Code Cycle, SBCC staffing concerns, and staff workload concerns. Council members and staff held discussion on the IRC and the reports not being complete.</p> <p>Motion: Roger Heeringa moved to open the IRC proposal window from April 25, 2025, and close on June 23, 2025. Angela Haupt second. Voice vote was taken, and motion passed.</p> <p>Roger Heeringa spoke to the Single Exit/Multiplex Housing TAG and opening the proposal window. Council members held discussion. SEMH TAG meeting will be held on the May 19, 2025, with intent to review received proposals.</p>
11. Other Business	<p>Dustin Curb explained a petition received. He noted that the Council cannot take action at the meeting at which it was introduced. This petition will be introduced at the next Council meeting. Dustin Curb did note that the petition came from the Washington State Fire Marshals and provided a brief overview of their petition.</p> <p>Further discussion was held regarding Single Exit/Multiplex Housing. Assistant Attorney General, Dierk Meierbachtol, noted that this work does not have a statutory deadline of December 1, 2025. Therefore, this TAG can continue work into 2026 but will need to complete work for inclusion with the 2024 codes.</p>
12. Adjourn	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.</p>