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STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

LOCATION: Zoom or phone options available

MEETING DATE: Friday, October 24, 2025

Members in Attendance: Committee Chair Tom Handy, Todd Beyreuther, Tom Young, Roger Heeringa, Ben Omura, Angela Haupt, Representative Alex Ramel

Members Absent: Jay Arnold, Kjell Anderson

Staff In Attendance: Managing Director Dustin Curb, Krista Braaksma, Josh Brown, Brandin Groat, Rozanna Ghanie

Visitors Present: Councilmember Katy Sheehan, Patrick Hanks, Ardel Jala, Gregory Johnson, Jonathan Jones, Jeremy Larson, Chris Russell, Kyle Shinn, Brian Smith, Eric Urban

Agenda Items	Council Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Committee Chair, Tom Handy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established. Anyone from the public, who wished to, introduced themselves.
2. Review and Approve Agenda	Todd Beyreuther moved to approve the agenda, Angela Haupt seconded, the motion passed.
3. Review and Approve Minutes: • April 24, 2025	Angela Haupt moved to approve the minutes, Roger Heeringa seconded, the motion passed.
4. Discuss 2024 Codes Implementation Date	Dustin Curb provided background on the motions made at the Special Council meeting held on September 26, 2025, to include delaying the final adoption of the 2024 Codes until May 15, 2026, and to allow the implementation date to remain on November 1, 2026. Dustin Curb then went on to cover some of the challenges the SBCC has faced which resulted in the delay of the 2021 Codes. Dustin Curb also mentioned the delayed publications of some of the model codes. The SBCC staffing issues were also mentioned along with the growth in the number of amendments for the Codes. Tom Handy opened the meeting for comments after giving a brief recap of the issues the SBCC has faced and is facing. Representative Alex Ramel spoke to having a better understanding of where SBCC is now and where SBCC will be in 3 years. He also mentioned the window of time the Legislature could act and suggested taking a deeper dive and looking at the cascading effect for the next code

	cycle and the one beyond to see if something more is needed. Todd Beyreuther brought up the possible significant turnover in January, by reviewing the Governor's list of Councilmembers and terms expiring for Tom Handy, Pete Reike, Justin Bourgault, Kjell Anderson, and Ben Omura. Todd Beyreuther expressed favor of accelerating the adoption date to give some relief to the implementation date. Angela Haupt provided a recap of her letter, submitted to the Council, discussing the compressed timeframe between May and November and issues that will arise. Roger Heeringa indicated the work of the SBCC is complete when the Code Books are published, and the focus should be on the production of the Code and the need to address the RCW requirements and deadlines. Patrick Hanks provided comments; he noted the Code won't be final until the final adoption date. Stakeholders won't work on Codes until adopted. Having a year between adopted and implemented dates was positive difference last cycle. Educators can't create curriculum until final adoption has occurred. All public comment, at the last Council meeting, was in favor a longer timeframe between adoption and implementation. A lot of the administrative load could be improved by switching to adopting the IECC by reference. Dustin Curb mentioned the publication timelines and lessons learned and noted every time SBCC tried to compress the timeframe for one portion of the process, it wasn't successful. The publication process isn't starting from scratch but is creating another drafting issue for SBCC Staff. There was discussion on other possible dates and the idea of having different implementation dates for the Codes, but it was noted having the Codes with different implementation dates was unfavorable by all who have provided input. Dustin Curb said sitting through a legislative session is the reason for the selected dates. It was also noted the importance of providing certainty of the implementation date. Discussion was held on the feasibility of using 2024 Codes without publications and working off of the CR-103. It was noted enforcement gets iffy if there are no resources to review and it would be far more welcome to delay implementation and work with the current Codes then to try to figure out what and where to find answers from unpublished Codes. Representative Alex Ramel responded to Tom Young's financial concerns with the process that is followed when Legislature tasks SBCC with tasks; a fiscal note is written, and Bill won't be passed without funding for the amount of the fiscal note. A Bill won't be passed if unfunded. Representative Alex Ramel asked for a Gant Chart with all of the information that Dustin Curb talked about when compressing timelines and reaching the deadlines. Discussion was then held on different dates and meeting or changing the statutes. Tom Handy summarized the discussion; Statutes, Implementation Date, SBCC staffing issues, increasing fees for additional funding. Dustin Curb addressed the funding and mentioned the expenditure authority of the SBCC. Dustin Curb noted the January 15, 2026, Council meeting is targeted to discuss and vote on the packages of information for filing of the CR-102s

	on February 18, 2026. Dustin Curb highlighted points of the conversation held today; Gant Chart, begin deep dive on statutes but first identify the statutes with specific dates and/or timelines, requirements, the Code Cycle as a whole, how to get back on track for the next Code Cycle, and staffing issues. Representative Alex Ramel said if he could be provided some bullet points, he is willing to work with his team to start turning them into Bill language. He said there needs to be consensus for strategy and he would discuss this information with the other ex-officio, legislative members of the Council. He also noted that being in alignment with other legislative members moves things along. Todd Beyreuther noted the authority of the Legislative Committee to inform is given under the Council and the Committee Chair should facilitate the actions going forward.
5. Other Business	Dustin Curb noted the Legislative Session is approaching and weekly meetings seemed to work last year, and he suggested continuing with Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. if there is a consensus. Discussion was held on when the next meeting would occur, and it was suggested to send out dates and times and get a meeting scheduled in November to review the information requested by Representative Ramel.
6. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.