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Chair Todd Beyreuther
State Building Code Council
PO Box 41449
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Dear Chair Beyreuther,

I am writing to offer a recommendation for updates to the State Building Code Council's (SBCC) bylaws, that are provided in a Word document, for the SBCC to adopt. The primary goal of these recommendations is to make minimal changes that improve the SBCCs compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and make it easier for stakeholders and members of the public to stay engaged in SBCC activities. There are also suggestions to better reflect current Technical Advisory Group practices and improve the grammar and formatting of the bylaws.

Bylaws define the SBCCs structure and operations, outside of statute and official rule. Keeping them updated so that there is alignment between current and desired practices is important. These changes will give the public better information about the content and purpose of upcoming meetings without burdening staff resources. They will also allow the public to be more efficient when participating in SBCC meetings. Other changes will maintain guardrails for TAG processes while still allowing for fluid code development.

I hope the SBCC will find these recommendations helpful and adopt them with broad support from stakeholders and the public.

Sincerely,

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