

SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Public Notice:

Public notice of the meeting was properly posted on the bulletin boards at the main entrance of the Kingstree Building and by notice mailed to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with §30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Call To Order:

Chairman Hodge called the regular meeting of the Building Codes Council to order at 10:30 a.m. Council members present for the meeting included: Gregory Parsons, Ernest F. Dorsey, Lloyd Schumann, Richard Sandler, Frank Hill, William McDowell, Gable Stubbs, Van McAlister, Thomas Brock, Chris Cullum, and John White.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Deputy General Counsel, Gary Wiggins, Administrator, Jennie Meade, Program Coordinator, Angela Scott, Administrative, Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant, Christine Driver, Administrative Assistant, Dottie Buchanan, Administrative Assistant, Joe Naylor, Information Technology, and Marcus Stevens, Information Technology.

Others present participating in the meeting included: Bruce D. Spicher, H I. Butch Avins, Cleston Bridges, Tom Scholtens, John Pruet, Les Ielke, Don Houck, Douglas M. Smits, Wesley Culler, Janice Pitts, Vaughn Wicker, Robert J. Klein, James Whittaker, Donny Phipps, Mike Smith, Brian Pietras, David Nichols, Gary Mason, Stephen Grant, Jonathan Jackson, Scott Schiff, Jesse Burke, John Minick, Paul Moulton, Shawn Brashear, Eddie Althrum, Herb Yingling, Clay Pendrarvis, Tim Richardson, Anthony Rivera, Jeannie Schumann, Darbis Briggman, Randy Safer, Michelle Hawkins, Dimiteia Rizo, Richard Hullman, Denise Fincher, Ray Hoshall, Donald Brown, Rich Palmer, Melissa Berry, Bruce Boulineau, Ward Braswell, Roni Abdella, Michael Lowman, Steve Smith, Lisa Jones, Robert Yarnall, John Larsson, Reggie McBeth, Ann Roberson, John W. Ray, Chad Kennedy, and Buddy Skinner.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Dorsey moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Chairman Hodge turned the election process over to Mr. Gary Wiggins who called for nominations from the floor for the Office of Chairman. Mr. Dorsey moved to nominate Mr. Hodge to serve as chairman. Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Hodge was elected by acclamation. Chairman Hodge called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hill moved to nominate Mr. Parsons to serve as Vice-Chairman. Mr. McDowell seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Parsons was elected by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes: - Wednesday, November 19, 2008, Meeting

Mr. Dorsey moved to approve the Wednesday, November 19, 2008, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval/Disapproval Absent Member:

Mr. Jay Ham received an excused absence.

Chairman's Remarks:

None

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

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- A. Introduction of Mr. David Christian, III - Mr. Wiggins informed Council that Mr. Christian was not able to attend the meeting and would reschedule at a later date.
- B. Mr. Wiggins reminded the Board to turn in their Ethic Commission forms by April 15, 2009.
- C. Policy for posting Disciplinary Actions - Mr. Wiggins stated it has been the Board's policy to publish disciplinary actions on the internet. He stated that it was the recommendation of staff to post administrative based actions for five (5) years and practice based actions for an indefinite period of time.

Mr. Richard Sandler recommended changing the words "indefinite period of time" to "life of license."

Motion:

After discussion, Mr. Parsons made a motion, to approve the language but delete "indefinite period of time" and add "life of license." The motion was seconded by Mr. Dorsey. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- D. Mr. Wiggins stated that staff was tracking two pieces of Legislation that would affect the Building Codes Council's Practice Act. He said Senate Bill 268 (Special Inspectors) has moved through the Senate and was assigned to the House LCI Committee. He went on to say staff would like to propose the administrative amendments that were approved by Council at its last meeting, be added to the Special inspectors Bill.

Mr. Wiggins stated the second piece of legislation affecting the Building Codes Council's Practice Act was House Bill 3550 (Energy Standards). He said the proposed amendment will remove all prescriptive language that addresses insulation requirements for single and two family residences. He said the current statutory provisions reference obsolete documents. He went on to say the Bill will allow Chapter 11 of the International Residential Code be used as the energy standard for single and two family residences.

Mr. Dorsey asked staff to notify Council via e-mail if there are any changes in the Legislation.

Wind/Seismic Analysis - Timothy Mays, Scott Schiff

Chairman Hodge informed Council that Mr. Timothy Mays was not present. Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Scott Schiff.

Mr. Schiff informed Council that the seismic research was completed at The Citadel as of January 31, 2009, but the wind research was still in process. He said the focus of research at the Citadel has been the seismic provisions in the 2006 *International Residential Code* (IRC). Mr. Schiff said the recommendation is that South Carolina design residential structures based on spectral accelerations from the 2008 USGS national seismic hazard maps since they provide the current best estimate of seismic hazard (expected value) within South Carolina and reflect the current knowledge of lower seismicity in South Carolina.

Public Comments:

Mr. Parsons expressed a concern regarding work not being performed in local jurisdictions without building permits. He recommended that there be a uniform standard across the state of the work required to be permitted; and stiffer penalties for individuals (contractor and property owners) not getting a permit. He asked Mr. Wiggins to review this information and bring forth some recommendations at the next meeting.

Chairman Hodge stated that the criteria for issuance of building permits is administrative and determined by each jurisdiction. Mr. Hodge said he did not think Council had right to say what fees the jurisdictions should charge.

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Mr. Wiggins stated by regulation, Council does have the authority to create a general or generic administrative policy for local jurisdictions.

Meeting Dates:

August 26, 2009, and December 9, 2009.

Dates of Next Meeting:

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2009, in conference room 108.

Adjournment:

Mr. Sendler moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The February 25, 2009 meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.