

**Final
State of Oregon**

Building Codes Structures Board

Regular meeting minutes

November 5, 2008

- Members present:** Martin Brown, acting Chairman
Chris Davis
Terry Dieter
Bruce Dobbs *teleconference*
Rene Gonzalez
Eric McMullen
Bill Wellard
Steven Wood
- Members absent:** Thomas Sjostrom
- Staff present:** Richard Rogers, structural program chief
Chris Huntington, policy and technical services interim manager
Andrea Simmons, green building services and legislative affairs manager
Dave Bassett, special projects coordinator
Shane Sumption, fire, life safety/ADA specialist
Kristy Nielsen, policy analyst
Shauna Parker, rules coordinator
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator
- Guests Present:** Bob Sinclair, Powers Fasteners, field engineer
Keith Bohren, Simpson Strong-tie Company
James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness
John Caul, Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
Bob Eugene, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Acting Chairman Martin Brown called the Building Codes Structures Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Thomas Sjostrom was absent excused.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Acting Chairman Brown **RULED** the agenda approved.

D. Approval of the August 6 2008 and the September 4 2008 teleconference board meeting minutes

Acting Chairman Brown **RULED** the August 6, 2008 regular board meeting minutes and the special teleconference minutes of September 4, 2008 approved.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting

February 4, 2009

F. Review 2009 board meeting dates

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Interim Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington and Green Building Services Manager Andrea Simmons discussed the BCD Update packet.

Manager Huntington discussed the proposed rule creating an exemption for electrical licensees. Revisions have been made to the proposed rule based on committee recommendations. He noted that the draft rule would also be presented to other division boards.

Manager Huntington discussed the local code amendment rules that have been developed. The hearing date is scheduled for November 18, 2008. This will allow local jurisdictions to request division approval to have a local amendment on issues related to the Building Code such as energy efficiency, sustainability (green building), and fire sprinklers.

Manager Simmons discussed emerging technology and how it affects the division. She explained the “2030 concept” in the governor’s climate change legislative package. The goal is for buildings to have net-zero energy consumption by the year 2030. The first step would be to create a schedule between the years 2012 and 2030 for zero emissions in commercial as well as residential buildings. The 2030 goal would be achieved through providing both a standard code and a “reach” code for each code cycle. The “reach” code would consist of optional requirements exceeding the energy standards in the building code that builders could meet for financial incentives. These same reach requirements would then be added to the code as standard requirements in the next code cycle.

IV. Communications

A. 2007 Oregon Structural Specialty Code mid-cycle amendments

Structural Program Chief Richard Rogers updated the board on what the committee reviewed and approved for interim inclusion in code. He noted that the Oregon Structural Specialty Code amendments became effective October 1, 2008.

Acting Chairman Brown asked for clarification on the window sill height change in commercial buildings. Mr. Rogers noted that due to a conflict within the residential and structural codes, a committee was formed that made recommendations to the Residential Structures Board recommending adoption of a temporary rule for a minimum windowsill height requirement for any residences under the low-rise code in Appendix N. The board adopted the temporary rule following the adoption of a permanent rule.

B. Introduction to the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code adoption process

Manager Simmons noted that the International Building Code would not be available until March 2009. The code adoption process is a 14 to 15-month process. The target date of April 1, 2010 may not occur. Because of the short turn-around time, the division is proposing to open the time frame for receiving code proposals November 1, 2008.

Acting Chairman Brown asked whether the special provisions expected for the energy and the disability provisions of the code, would require a separate review process. Manager Simmons noted that the division would notice all public meetings on the Web site to keep all interested individuals informed of what is to occur. The division is not expecting to form a special committee to work on the provisions of the energy code and the disability chapters at this time.

Manager Simmons discussed the possibility of a Solar Code adoption for Oregon that deals with administration and permitting. If the process is to occur, the review of code proposals will begin November of 2009.

James Bela, president and founder of Earthquake Awareness, suggested that the Building Code Structures Board meet monthly during a code adoption cycle.

V. Appeals - None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New Business – None

VII. Announcements – None

VIII. Adjournment

Acting Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully transcribed and submitted by,

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