

## **Building Codes Structures Board**

### **Regular meeting minutes**

**July 8, 2009**

- Members present:** Martin Brown, acting Chairman  
Chris Davis  
Bruce Dobbs  
Eric McMullen *teleconference*  
Thomas Sjostrom  
Bill Wellard *teleconference*  
Steven Wood *teleconference*
- Members absent:** Terry Dieter  
Rene Gonzalez
- Staff present:** Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager  
Richard Rogers, structural program chief  
Shane Sumption, fire, life safety/ADA specialist  
James Hanson, policy analyst  
Shauna Parker, division rules coordinator  
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator
- Guests Present:** Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy  
James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness

### **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**

Terry Dieter and Rene Gonzalez were both absent excused.

#### **C. Approval of agenda and order of business**

Chairman Brown **RULED** the agenda approved.

**D. Approval of the combined “special” Building Codes Structures Board and Mechanical Board meeting minutes of April 22, 2009**

Chairman Brown **RULED** the combined “special” Building Codes Structures Board and Mechanical Board meeting minutes of April 22, 2009 approved.

**E. Date of the next scheduled meeting**

September 30, 2009

**II. Public comment**

James Bela, president and founder of Earthquake Awareness, asked the board to recommend that the new 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code be printed in its entirety. He asked that Oregon amendments be printed as loose-leaves to be inserted separately into the code in order to see what changes occurred.

**III. Reports**

**A. Building Codes Division report**

Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager, informed the board of the new staffing changes at the division. Mark Long has been appointed by the governor as acting director of the Oregon Department of Energy, and Pat Allen has accepted the position as acting administrator of Building Codes Division. Andrea Simmons is taking the role of Deputy Administrator of Building Codes Division while maintaining her current position as Green Building Services and Legislative Affairs Manager.

**B. Program update**

Manager Huntington discussed the content of the [BCD Update packet](#). He noted that the rulemaking activity document has few remaining projects for 2009. Small wind product certification and the local code amendment request rule were discussed briefly.

Manager Huntington noted that the mechanical code committee has completed its work and is currently working on a document to be presented to the board.

Manager Huntington discussed the progress of the full-service system for ePermitting. The new on-line service will continue to supply access for ordering permits, but it will also include streamlined plan review of construction plans, along with on-line submissions of project approval and inspection tracking services. The first jurisdictions are expected to join the full-service system by early 2010.

***Public comment:***

James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, suggested that a public accounting of how much is in the fund from the collection of permit fees is included when delivering reports to the board.

**Staff:**

The Green Building Services section is working with the governor's priorities aimed towards making buildings in Oregon perform more efficiently.

Manager Huntington discussed Executive Order No. 09-06 issued by the governor, creating The Oregon Way Advisory Group to advise and assist those seeking competitive federal stimulus grants. Mark Long was asked to participate as a member of this group.

**Legislative overview:**

HB 2200 aligns the boiler and elevator programs to increase efficiency and reduce administrative costs.

Senate Bill 79 creates a task force on energy performance scores. It requires an increase in the energy efficiency of 15 to 25-percent in commercial structures and 10 to 15-percent in residential structures by 2012. It also authorizes the development of a voluntary "reach code" containing construction methods for achieving higher levels of energy efficiency than under the statewide code.

House Bill 2950 creates a Construction Industry Energy Board, which will include two members from each of the following boards: Electrical and Elevator Board, Building Codes Structures Board, Residential Structures Board, and one member appointed by the Oregon Department of Energy.

Bruce Dobbs asked if the industry will be involved in the make-up of the board. Manager Huntington explained the membership of the board is directed by legislation, which is the selection of two members by each of the three boards; Electrical and Elevator Board, Building Codes Structures Board, Residential Structures Board, and one member appointed by the Oregon Department of Energy.

After a discussion about what board would be responsible for reviewing Chapter 13 of the energy provisions, Manager Huntington noted that the Building Codes Structures Board would continue to review those chapters.

House Bill 3450 requires carbon monoxide alarms in certain one- and two-family dwellings and in multi-family housing at time of sale or transfer. Because of the lengthy discussion of the definition specified by legislation for this bill on what is included in "fuel source," the division will get back with members that are interested.

House Bill 3462 creates a pilot program for a training academy to train specialized inspectors that would be able to more fully meet the needs of various jurisdictions.

#### **IV. Communications**

##### **A. Update on the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code process**

Richard Rogers, structural program chief, noted that once the code committee has completed its work, a recommendation will be prepared for the board to review. He added that video-recorded live meetings and further committee information can be viewed on the Oregon Structural Specialty Code Review Committee Web page at <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/10ossc.html>. He reminded the members that the date of the board meeting to review the committee's recommendations to the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code is September 30, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

##### ***Public comment:***

James Bela noted that at the last meeting of the OSSC, there was not a quorum, but the committee was instructed by the division to move forward with voting.

*Note: At the OSSC meeting of August 6, 2009, committee ratified all actions taken at the June 10 and July 22, 2009 meetings.*

##### **B. Update on the 2010 Oregon Commercial Energy Conservation Advisory Committee**

Richard Rogers, structural program chief, said that the committee is focusing on the intent of Senate Bill 79 to adopt new building codes with higher energy efficiency standards by as much as 15 to 25-percent overall in buildings. He added that video-recorded live meetings and further committee information can be viewed on the Oregon Commercial Energy Conservation Code Review Committee Web page at <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/10cec.html>.

#### **V. Appeals - None**

#### **VI. Unfinished business - None**

#### **VII. New Business – None**

#### **VII. Announcements – None**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

At the conclusion of the meeting, there being no further business, Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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