

Building Codes Structures Board

Meeting minutes

August 4, 2010

- Members present:** Terry Dieter, Chairman
Eric McMullen, Vice-chair
Dan Carlson
Rene Gonzalez *(teleconference)*
Gregory Nelson *(new member)*
Thomas Sjostrom
Steven Wood
- Members absent:** Joseph Bowers
(Vacant position, disabilities commission representative)
- Staff present:** Chris Huntington, manager, policy and technical services
Richard Rogers, structural program chief
Jim Hanson, policy analyst
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator
- Guests Present:** John Caul, Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Terry Dieter, longest serving member of this board, called the Building Codes Structures Board meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The meeting was held at Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Rene Gonzalez was connected by teleconference. Joseph Bowers was absent excused.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

The agenda was **RULED** approved by unanimous consent.

D. Approval of the May 5, 2010 regular board meeting minutes

The draft minutes of May 5, 2010 was **RULED** approved by unanimous consent.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting

November 3, 2010

F. Farewell to board member Bruce Dobbs, energy supplier

Bruce Dobbs was presented a certificate of appreciation signed by the Governor and a letter of recognition from Patrick Allen, Building Codes Division's acting administrator.

G. Welcome new board member Gregory Nelson, energy supplier

H. Vote for Chair and Vice-chair

Nominations were open for Chairperson.

Eric McMullen nominated Terry Dieter for Chair. Mr. Dieter accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations for Chair and by unanimous consent, Terry Dieter is Chair of the Building Codes Structures Board.

Chair Dieter opened the nominations for Vice-chairperson.

Dan Carlson nominated Eric McMullen for Vice-chair. Eric McMullen accepted the nomination.

Chair Dieter nominated Rene Gonzalez for Vice-chairperson.

Hearing no other nominations for Vice-chair, nominations were close and a roll call vote was taken.

Eric McMullen: *Steven Wood, Gregory Nelson, Rene Gonzalez, Dan Carlson, Chair Dieter*

Rene Gonzalez: *Thomas Sjostrom, Eric McMullen*

By the board's vote, Eric McMullen is Vice-chair of the Building Codes Structures Board.

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington briefly discussed the content of the [BCD Update](#) packet.

Phase II of HB 3462: Authorized the division to create a pilot program to develop specialized inspector certifications and training. A committee is in the process of developing 4 specialized inspector certifications. Once that work is done the division will work on the administrative portions of the certifications.

Solar code: The Construction Industry Energy Board met June 29, 2010 to review and make recommendations on the 2010 Oregon Solar Installation Code. The public hearing is scheduled in August.

Manager Huntington said that since Mr. Dobbs was also a member of the Construction Industry Energy Board, members of this board will need to vote for a representative at the next meeting to fill the vacant position. Any potential member must have practical experience in construction. Members who are interested need to send an email of interest to [Chris Huntington](#) or [Debi Barnes-Woods](#).

SB 79/Reach Code: Committee work began in April and continues to meet. The primary goal of the code is to provide an optional set of statewide construction standards for energy efficiency that exceed the requirements of the state's mandatory codes. The Reach Code will act like a statewide alternate method. The committee will explore options for aligning the code with federal, state, and local financial incentives.

2011 Residential Specialty Code: Residential Code Committee continues to meet. Last legislative session, the Legislature required the division to have in place a provision for carbon monoxide alarms in certain types of residential dwellings by April 1, 2011.

Radon Mitigation Standards are also a requirement of the Legislature. The Residential Code Committee has not begun its work on radon but the committee is scheduled for several meetings.

Program update

Structural Program Chief Richard Rogers noted that on Friday, July 23, 2010, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder signed final regulations revising the Department's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, including its "Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines" (ADAAG).

In general, the Federal rule will become effective 6 months after publication in the Federal Register. 18 months after publication, compliance with the 2010 Standards will be required for new construction, alteration and barrier removal.

In anticipation of this announcement, Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) is working closely with stakeholders in the preparation of an amended version of the 2009 IBC Chapter 11. Oregon amendments are necessary in keeping with statutorily driven accessibility requirements, which provide for greater accessibility than the Federal standards. Consistent with the U.S. Attorney General's implementation timelines noted above, BCD anticipates adoption of the amended IBC Chapter 11 with an effective date of January 1, 2012. This should provide ample time for training and required rule making.

IV. Communications

Update regarding the draft 2010 Oregon Solar Installation Specialty Code

The Construction Industry Energy Board recommended approval of the code at its June 29 meeting. A hearing is scheduled for August 17, 2010 with an October 1, 2010 effective date.

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New business – None

VII. Announcements – None

VIII. Adjournment

Acting Chair Dieter adjourned the meeting at 11:10. a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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