

Building Codes Structures Board

Meeting minutes

March 16, 2011

Members present: Terry Dieter, Chairman
Eric McMullen, Vice-chair
Dan Carlson
Rene Gonzalez
Thomas Sjostrom
Steven Wood

Members absent: Joseph Bowers
Gregory Nelson
Ted Wenk

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
James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Terry Dieter 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

Joseph Browsers, Gregory Nelson and Ted Wenk were all absent excused.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

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

D. Approval of the November 10 and December 15, 2010 board meeting minutes

Minutes were **RULED** approved by unanimous consent.

F. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting: May 4, 2011

II. Public comment

James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, discussed the recent [earthquake and tsunami in Japan](#).

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division [report](#)

Manager Huntington announced that the new Governor has appointed Scott Harra

as the acting director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Legislative Bills: The division has presented 3 bills to the Legislature this session related to residential elevators and amusement rides. [HB 2088](#), [HB 2089](#) and [HB 2090](#).

Code adoption:

- 2011 Oregon Electrical Specialty Code, April 1, 2011
- 2011 Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code, April 1, 2011
- 2011 Oregon Residential Specialty Code, July 1, 2011 to include the electrical and plumbing provisions of the ORSC
- Radon mitigation standards, April 1, 2011
- Carbon monoxide requirements, April 1, 2011

Phase II of HB 3462 establishes a training program that qualifies and certifies individuals as specialized building inspectors authorized to perform inspections and enforce portions of the state building code. The 2 specialized certifications are: Specialized Solar Photo-Voltaic inspector and Specialized Plumbing Inspector Certification. Specialized Electrical Inspector Certification and Specialized Systems Inspectors Certification will be available at a later date.

Items for future meetings:

- The mid-cycle code amendment process will begin in July bringing proposals to the board at its November 2, 2011 meeting for an implementation date of January 1, 2012.
- Update for Accessibility Standards will begin in June bringing proposals to the board at its August 3, 2011 meeting for an implementation date of January 1, 2012.

B. Program update

This item was discussed under the division's report.

IV. Communications

A. Update on the 2011 Oregon Reach Code

Policy Analyst for Green Building Services Aeron Teverbaugh gave a broad overview of what the committee has reviewed so far with the 2011 Oregon Reach Code. She discussed the technical aspects of the code, prescriptive methods, administrative processes and incentives available by using the new code.

The commercial provision of the code is expected to be completed by the end of March, scheduled to go before the Construction Industry Energy Board May 11 with a public hearing in June. The residential provisions are expected to be available October 2011.

B. Draft rule implementing specialized inspector certifications. Phase II of House Bill 3462

This item was discussed under the division's report

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business – None

VII. New business - None

VII. Announcements – None

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Dieter adjourned the meeting at 11:00. a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Barnes-Woods, Division Boards Coordinator