

## **Building Codes Structures Board**

### **Meeting minutes**

**May 4, 2011**

**Members present:** Eric McMullen, Vice-chair  
Dan Carlson  
Rene Gonzalez  
Gregory Nelson  
Thomas Sjostrom  
Ted Wenk

**Members absent:** Terry Dieter  
Joseph Bowers  
Steven Wood

**Staff present:** Chris Huntington, manager, policy and technical services  
Richard Rogers, structural program chief  
Shane Sumption, assistant manager, policy and technical services  
Steve Judson, engineering and code specialist  
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**

Vice-chair Eric McMullen 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**

Chair Dieter, Joseph Browsers and Steven Wood were all absent excused.

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

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

##### **D. Approval of the March 16, 2011 board meeting minutes**

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

##### **E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting: August 3, 2011**

#### **II. Public comment**

James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, discussed the recent [earthquake and tsunami in Japan](#). He expressed the importance of viewing this documentary.

### **III. Reports**

#### **A. Building Codes Division report**

**Legislative Bills:** [HB 2088](#) is moving through the process. [SB 440](#) is a bill intended to clean-up Oregon State Boards' processes.

**Reach Code:** The Commercial Provision of the code is scheduled to go before the Construction Industry Energy Board May 11, 2011 with an expected effective date of July 1, 2011.

[HB 3462](#) is in the second stage of the training programs for solar and plumbing certifications and is expected to be available in June.

Mr. Huntington noted that the Mid-cycle code process for mechanical, structural and energy codes will begin shortly. He discussed guidelines of accepting code proposals.

The Structural Code Committee will be meeting to review the new ADA Federal regulations. There may be a possibility the committee will be reviewing new legislation around Cluster Mail Boxes.

Shane Sumption, assistant manager, policy technical services section and green building services section, discussed the 90% compliance pilot project is a test data collection process that includes sampling 1 commercial project and 1 residential project at each of 5 jurisdictions.

#### **B. Program update**

This item was discussed under the division's report.

### **IV. Communications**

**Statewide Code Interpretation:** [Power Actuate Fasteners](#) – Suspended Ceilings

### **V. Appeals** – None

### **VI. Unfinished business** – None

### **VII. New business**

**Board review and provide recommendations on an amendment to the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code – Alternate braced wall panel adjacent to a door or window**

Steve Judson, engineering and code specialist, explained that the requirement of a tie-down device rated at 4,200 pounds of uplift is not a viable application. He added that the item was before the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board at its last meeting, which they approved as a temporary rule.

Mr. Judson asked the board to review and approve the modified condition already vetted with industry representatives by amending the 2010 OSSC through temporary rule.

**Motion by Dan Carlson** to approve the division's recommendation to amend the 2010 OSSC Section 2308.9.3.2 through temporary rule with the finding that the added cost, if any, is necessary to the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to conserve scarce resources.

**Motion carried unanimously**

**VII. Announcements** – None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Vice-chair McMullen adjourned the meeting at 11:00. a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debi Barnes-Woods, Division Boards Coordinator