

**FINAL**  
**State of Oregon**

**Residential Structures Board**

**Special Teleconferencing Meeting Minutes**

**December 1, 2006**

**Members present:** Ray Miller, S.E., P.E., chairman  
David DeHarpport, P.E., vice-chairman *connected by telephone*  
Darryl Bishop *connected by telephone*  
Scott Caufield *connected by telephone*  
Phil Damiano *connected by telephone*  
Mike Goodrich *connected by telephone*  
Kathryn Gray *connected by telephone*  
Douglas Lethin arrived at 9:40 a.m.

**Members absent:** Kathleen Poole

**Staff present:** Twyla Knowles, policy and technical services assistant manager  
Ravi Mahajan, P.E., board secretary and code facilities engineer  
Celina Patterson, policy analyst  
Marianne Manning, boards coordinator

**Guests present:** Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)  
Patrick Bridges, Oregon Home Building Industry  
Association (OHBIA)  
Chuck Day, Adair Homes  
John Caul, Oregon State Fire Marshall

**I. Board business**

**A. Call to order.**

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

**B. Roll call**

Kathleen Poole was absent, unexcused.

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

Chairman Miller **RULED** the agenda approved as submitted.

**D. Approval of the October 26, 2006 board meeting draft minutes.**

Chairman Miller **RULED** the October 26, 2006 board meeting minutes approved.

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

January 10, 2007.

## II. Reports

**Program update.** Ravi Mahajan, code facilities engineer, reported on two chief appeals filed with the division under [ORS 455.475](#).

The first appeal involved a dry stack stone masonry wall in Eugene. The appellant had concerns about the proficiency of the engineer's design on the stone masonry wall. The division denied the appeal because the appellant was not "aggrieved" by the decision of the building official because the appellant did not have a personal stake in the wall's construction and design. The division also has no authority over the competency of engineers, which is handled by the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS).

The second appeal involved a proposal to build a new roof for an addition by framing over an existing roof in Ashland. The appellant's permit application did not document the structural adequacy of the existing roof framing members to carry the changed load pattern, and the additional loads imposed upon them. The appellant asserted that documentation was unnecessary because this construction falls within the standards provided within the dwelling code. The division upheld the decision of the building official because the loads imposed by the proposed roof over-framing were outside the load distributions assumed in the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

**2007 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) adoption.** Division staff is reviewing the first draft of the 2007 OSSC. The International Code Council (ICC) printing process is on schedule, and it is likely that the code books will be published in a timely manner. Mr. Majahan reported that the International Building Code will be publishing an Oregon-specific Oregon Structural Specialty Code and ICC will also post the Oregon Code on its web site as a no-cost, read-only version. Division staff will inform the board when the read-only electronic version is available.

**News release.** Twyla Knowles, policy and technical services assistant manager, reported that Eugene, Springfield and Lane County have joined the state's online permitting site. The City of Medford will come on board December 1, 2006. Salem, Corvallis, Sherwood, Lake Oswego, Happy Valley, Cannon Beach and Marion County are slated to join the program in early 2007. Ms. Knowles reported that Joanie Stevens-Schwenger will make a presentation about the online permitting site at the board's next meeting

## III. Communication

**Review of [proposed timeline for the adoption of the 2008 Oregon Residential Specialty Code \(ORSC\)](#).** Ms. Knowles discussed the proposed timeline for code adoption. She reported that the timeline for code review may extend into July because while the International Residential Code and the plumbing codes have been available for a year, the National Electric Code (NEC) draft will not be

available until late summer of 2007. The method used by the division to compare code compatibility last code cycle was a Code Compatibility Committee. Because of the delay in getting the NEC draft, the division may need to use another method to make a compatibility analysis.

**IV. Announcements – None**

**V. Adjournment**

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marianne Manning  
Boards Coordinator