

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**Monday – August 20, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)**

**Division of Building Safety  
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian, Idaho  
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello, Idaho**

**NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting,  
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.**

Chairman Andrew Bick called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. (MT)

**Board Members Present:**

Andrew Bick, Chairman  
Carol Alexander, Vice-Chairman  
Chuck Bleth  
Scott Buck  
Jan Welch  
Michael Arrington  
Dan Hunter  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jeff Garro  
Mike Tracy

**DBS Staff Members Present:**

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator  
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations  
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration  
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General  
Arlan Smith, Building Safety Program Manager  
Rod Freligh, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

This special public meeting was held to allow comments from the industry and for the Board to adopt, amend or reject the individual 2012 International Codes.

◆ **Announcement**

At the request of DBS, Andrew Bick read the following announcement: “Anyone needing to take or make a phone call do it outside or in the lunch room. We have had some recent cases where people are on their cell phones in the hallways and disturbing our employees.”

◆ **Public Comments**

Ken Baker, Association of Idaho Cities’ representative, stated building code stakeholders met in July to discuss the various code adoption and amendments currently being considered by the Board. The group agreed on the following recommendations:

- International Residential Code (IRC) – Stay with the 2009 code.
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – Stay with the 2009 code.
- International Building Code (IBC) – Proceed with the adoption of the 2012 code.
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC) – Proceed with the adoption of the 2012 code.

The next meeting of the stakeholders will be October 2, 2012, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the office of the Association of Idaho Cities. The topics will be a new Idaho code and the 2012 IRC and IECC.

Steve Martinez, representative for the Idaho Building Contractors Association, Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho, and Tradewinds General Contracting, and Ben Otto, Idaho Conservation League representative, support the recommendations presented.

Sharon Patterson, president of Eco Edge, recapped a market research conducted with Treasure Valley area homeowners. Over 660 homeowners were sent an online survey. Forty-four replied with 79% willing to spend \$1,000 or more for a 15% more energy efficient home.

Idaho Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA) representative Larry Benton stated AIA typically supports the adoption of more stringent energy codes and building design standards. However, since the 2012 International Code Council (ICC) codes are still in the early adoption nationwide, AIA supports maintaining the 2009 ICC codes with local jurisdiction amendments until the Board updates its recommendation.

◆ **International Residential Code**

**MOTION:** Dennis Schaffner made a motion to continue with the 2009 International Residential Code. Mike Tracy seconded. Nine ayes and one nay; motion carried.

◆ **International Energy Conservation Code**

**MOTION:** Dennis Schaffner made a motion to continue with the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. Mike Tracy seconded. Nine ayes and one nay; motion carried.

◆ **International Building Code**

**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion to adopt the 2012 International Building Code. Scott Buck seconded.

At the June 12, 2012 special Board meeting, the Board approved three amendments (drinking fountains, service sinks, and upholstery/mattresses in stores) to the 2009 IBC. Dan Hunter questioned whether the amendments should be injected into the 2012 code. The upholstery/mattress issue has been resolved in the 2012 code; therefore, only the amendments for drinking fountains and service sinks need to be incorporated into the code.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Jan Welch amended the motion to adopt the 2012 International Building Code with amendments discussed at previous hearings which include plumbing fixtures for drinking fountains and service sinks for amount of occupancy. Scott Buck seconded. Nine ayes and one nay; motion carried.

◆ **International Existing Building Code**

**MOTION:** Dan Hunter made a motion to adopt the 2012 International Existing Building Code. Mike Tracy seconded. Nine ayes and one nay; motion carried.

◆ **Stakeholders Subcommittee**

It was recommended the Board set-up an official subcommittee to discuss future codes/code changes. Upon further discussion it was determined the Board should have representation at future stakeholder meetings coordinated by Ken Baker. The following board members volunteered to attend and report back at future Board meetings: Dan Hunter, Dennis Schaffner, Jan Welch, and Michael Arrington.

◆ **IRC Significant Changes**

On September 13, 2012, the local chapter of the Idaho Association of Building Officials will host a class on the significant changes to the 2012 IRC. The class will be held at the Nampa Civic Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is open to all interested parties.

◆ **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Dennis Schaffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Tracy seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. (MT).

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ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN  
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

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C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR  
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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