

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday - June 28, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. (MDT)**

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

**NOTE: The following report is not 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 9:32 a.m. (MDT)

**Board Members Present:**

Andrew Bick, Chairman  
Michael Arrington  
Mike Tracy  
Travis Beck  
Chuck Bleth  
Jason Blais  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jan Welch, P.E.  
Scott Buck  
Allen Jensen

**DBS Staff Members Present:**

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator  
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations  
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration  
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General  
Fred Sisneros, Financial Manager  
Arlan Smith, Building Program Manager  
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer  
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Support

**DBS Staff Members Absent:**

Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3  
Gary Sonnen, Regional Supervisor, Region 1  
Chuck Knapp, Regional Supervisor, Region 1

◆ **Open Forum**

No items or concerns were brought forth.

◆ **Approval of the June 28, 2016 Agenda**

**MOTION:** Mike Tracy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the April 26, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chuck Bleth seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Negotiated Rulemaking**

This is the second of two public meetings/hearings on proposed amendments to the currently adopted building and energy codes. The first meeting/hearing was held on April 26, 2016.

Jason Blais, Building Code Collaborative Representative, addressed draft proposals as they relate to the 2015 International Building Code (IBC), 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC) and International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) Economizers.

- 2015 IBC - The proposal is to adopt the 2015 edition of the IBC. To align with the Code, changes to IDAPA 07.03.01.004.01 *International Building Code* were reviewed.
- 2015 IEBC - The Collaborative is in agreement to adopt the 2015 IEBC. Since the IBC and IEBC reference each other, the only change to IDAPA 07.03.01.004.03 *International Existing Building Code* would be to update the code year to 2015.
- IECC Economizers - The issue of an economizer being required in a commercial application was addressed in the Collaborative. Depending on which code the Board chooses to adopt, 2012 or 2015, two proposals were provided. Verbiage in both proposals is based off the state of Washington's exception which has already been incorporated into their state energy code.

Charlie Allen, Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO) Representative, reiterated draft proposals as they relate to the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC) and 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

- 2015 IRC - Amendments to IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02 *International Residential Code* would bring the rule in line with the 2015 IRC. The Code Collaborative was unable to come to an agreement to adopt the 2015 IRC at its previous meetings.
- 2015 IECC - The IECC mimics the IRC. Therefore, changes made to the IRC are the exact same changes to the IECC. A footnote was added to allow R38, ceiling insulation, in lieu of the R49 requirement. The Collaborative came to an agreement if the insulation in the walls was raised to R21 that would help offset the lowering of the ceiling insulation to R38.

The Chairman opened the following topics to the public for testimony:

- 2015 IBC - No comments.
- 2015 IEBC - No comments.
- IECC Economizers - No comments.
- 2015 IRC - A lengthy discussion ensued with the following individuals providing testimony with regard to the adoption of the 2015 IRC: 1) Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council; 2) Lars Hansen, Brighton Corp., 3) Steve Martinez, Idaho Building Contractors Association; 4) Joe Levitch, National Association for the Remodeling Industry and Professional Building Contractors Association; 5) Dave Yorgason, Building Contractors Association Southwestern Idaho; 6) Ken Baker Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance; 7) Teri Ottens, IDABO; 8) Representative Joe Palmer; 9) Pat Minegar, A-1

Heating; 10) Representative Brent Crane; 11) Sharon Grant, Eco Edge; and 12) Patrick Sullivan, city of Nampa.

Also discussed was a recent presidential executive order on earthquake-resistant standards and whether it applies to the Board's decision to adopt/amend new editions of the building codes.

Jon Laux, IDABO President, read into the record a four-page response to public comments made at the April 26, 2016 Idaho Building Code Board Public Meeting/Hearing.

- 2015 IECC - No comments.

Board Member Beck left the meeting at 12:10 p.m. There continued to be a quorum of the Board. Should there be a deadlock on a motion; Chairman Bick's vote will be the tie-breaker.

Following are motions to the proposed amendments to the building and energy codes:

- 2015 IBC  
**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion to approve the 2015 IBC for adoption with the proposed amendments. Jason Blais seconded. Six ayes, one nay and one abstained. Motion carried.
- 2015 IEBC - Chapter 34 *Existing Buildings and Structures* is currently in the 2012 IBC; however, has been removed from the 2015 IBC. Therefore, the only document available for use of designs for existing buildings and/or modifications to existing buildings and structures is the 2015 IEBC.
- **MOTION:** Allen Jensen made a motion to adopt the 2015 IEBC. Scott Buck seconded. Six ayes, one nay and one abstained. Motion carried.
- IECC Economizers - This topic aligns with the IECC. It was decided this topic should be addressed after the Board votes on the proposed adoption of the 2015 IECC.
- 2015 IRC  
**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion the Board vote to approve the 2015 IRC. Jason Blais seconded. Roll call: Chuck Bleth - aye, Jan Welch - aye, Jason Blais - aye, Scott Buck - nay, Mike Tracy - nay, Dennis Schaffner - nay, Michael Arrington - nay, Allen Jensen - aye and Andrew Bick - aye. Five ayes and four nays. Motion carried.
- 2015 IECC  
**MOTION:** Allen Jensen made a motion to table the topic 2015 IECC until a later date to allow the Collaborative to review the IRC.

Upon further discussion, Board Member Jensen withdrew his motion.

**MOTION:** Jason Blais made a motion to approve the 2015 IECC. Jan Welch seconded. Roll call: Chuck Bleth - aye, Jan Welch - aye, Jason Blais - aye, Scott Buck - nay, Mike Tracy - nay, Dennis Schaffner - nay, Michael Arrington - nay, Allen Jensen - aye and Andrew Bick - aye. Five ayes and four nays. Motion carried.

- IECC Economizers (Cont'd)

**MOTION:** Allen Jensen made a motion to approve IECC economizers; adding an additional exception to the 2015 IECC. Jason Blais seconded. Six ayes, one nay and one abstained. Motion carried.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Personnel - The Division is in the process of hiring two part-time employees to assist with the Building program's workload.

◆ **Operational Report**

Factory Built Structures Board - In the past, responsibilities and income stream, as it pertains to anything that takes place in a manufactured plant relative to manufactured housing, has gone through the Idaho Building Code Board. Effective July 1, 2016, it will be diverted to the Factory Built Structures Board. Inspection Primary Inspection Agency (IPIA) and installation inspections of manufactured homes will be under the new board as well.

Tiny Homes - About the only way to build a tiny home in Idaho is to build it as a recreational vehicle; getting it titled through the Idaho Transportation Department. Some states are starting to restrict them; tying them back to metal structures. In most jurisdictions, this precludes an individual from occupying it on a full-time basis.

Executive Session - Board Member Welch asked if the Board could go into Executive Session. An Executive Session can only be held if it is on an agenda and published within the recommended timeframe. An Executive Session was not on today's agenda; therefore, the Board was not able to have one.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report - The Idaho Building Code fund, FY 2016 financial statement as of May 31, 2016, was reviewed.

School Safety and Security Advisory Board - Effective July 1, 2016, the DBS has a new 13-member board known as the *School Safety and Security Advisory Board*. The Board will develop, annually review and modify, if necessary, school safety and security guidelines for the Office of School Safety and Security to use in conducting annual assessments, training and technical assistance in the Idaho public education facilities.

Damage Prevention Board - The DBS will have a new 11-member board titled *Damage Prevention Board* effective July 1, 2016. The purpose of the Board is to reduce damages to underground facilities and to promote safe excavation practices through education directed toward excavators, underground facility owners and public.

Merging of Boards - Effective July 1, 2016, the Manufactured Housing and Modular Building Advisory Boards will be combined into a single eight-member Board identified as the *Factory Built Structures Advisory Board*.

Construction Projects - Following are proposed, new, existing or completed projects throughout the state of Idaho: 1) 44 elevators, Boise; 2) Two large commercial projects - Intersection of Ten Mile/I-84 and The Village, Meridian; 3) Casino, water park and 18-hole golf course, Fort Hall; 4) Solar plants - three 20-megawatt and one 40-megawatt, Ada, Owyhee, Elmore and Power Counties, 80-megawatt, Grandview and 40-megawatt, south of Kuna; 5) Four-story fine arts building and five-story Honors College (combination housing/structural space), BSU, Boise; and 6) 35,000 square foot medical school, ISU, Meridian.

Plan Reviews - For the city of Meridian, the Division reviews approximately 12-15 plans and provides 40-50 inspections daily. Also, the city of Meridian is the ninth fastest growing city in the nation.

◆ **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Chuck Bleth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Schaffner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. (MDT).

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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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