

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Tuesday – June 19, 2018 – 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**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2018 MEETING

NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting, but 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
Scott Buck, Vice-Chairman (Teleconference)
Allen Jensen
Dennis Schaffner
Kent Soelberg
Chuck Bleth
Jason Blais

DBS Staff Members Present:

Chris L. Jensen, Administrator
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Arlan Smith, Building Program Manager
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1
Patrick Grace, Regional Manager, Region 2
Jeff Egan, Regional Manager, Region 3
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Open Forum**

Idaho Building Code Collaborative – Johanna Bell, Association of Idaho Cities Policy Analyst, asked the direction the Collaborative should take with the vetting and code adoption process.

◆ **Approval of the June 19, 2018 Agenda**

MOTION: Jason Blais made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Chuck Bleth seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the April 17, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Allen Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Kent Soelberg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Negotiated Rulemaking**

Adopt the 2018 IRC, IBC, and IECC with Current Residential Amendments Remaining in Place – This topic was brought forth to begin discussion on the adoption of future building codes, as well as to possibly bring the codes into tandem with codes under the purview of the Division’s other boards. Suggestions were: 1) Analyze the entire code by breaking it down into sections, and have mini-meetings, subcommittees or groups review it, and 2) Wait for another state to adopt the code, find all the mistakes, and then adopt the addendum.

Delete IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02.p (Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency) from the Adopted Version of the IRC – House Bill 547 precipitated the deletion of IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02.p, Chapter 11 *Energy Efficiency*, as well as references to energy tables in the International Residential Code (IRC). The Division will make the necessary changes, and bring the draft rule to the August 2018 Board meeting for review and possible approval.

ACTION: The topic *Delete IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02.p (Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency) from the Adopted Version of the IRC* will be placed on the August 21, 2018 board meeting agenda as an action item.

Amendment Proposal--2015 IECC Commercial Provisions--Table C404.5.1 Piping Volume and Maximum Piping Lengths – Engineering firms have complained the hot water piping in commercial applications; specifically, the maximum piping length allowed in public lavatory faucets, is too restrictive. The proposal would remove the Public Lavatory Faucets column in Table C404.5.1 *Piping Volume and Maximum Piping Lengths*, replacing it with a new column.

Amend IRC Section 202, Abbreviations, and Chapter 6 to Provide for Extended Plate Walls and Foam Plastic Insulating Sheathing – Rob Brooks, DowDuPont Building Solutions Representative, explained the use and positive aspects of the new “Extended Plate and Beam” wall system. The system is for seismic zones A, B, and C, and one- and two-family dwellings. Although not yet recognized by the IRC, developers hope to get approval at upcoming code hearings.

◆ **Create Subcommittees--Residential/Commercial/Energy and Additional Building Code Board Meetings**

Addressed together were the topics *Create Subcommittees--Residential/Commercial/Energy* and *Additional Building Code Board Meetings*. Although both are methods to review the residential, commercial and energy codes for possible adoption at the 2020 legislature, it was determined, the Board would arrange for three additional “working” meetings in November, December, and January. For clarity, and to abide by the open meeting laws, there will be no quorum of the Board, and each code (residential, commercial, energy) will be reviewed separately.

MOTION: Chuck Bleth made a motion to schedule three additional board meetings as “working” meetings in November, December, and January, with dates determined at the October Board meeting. Allen Jensen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Code Review Cycles**

There is nothing in statute on how often to review code cycles. Three years has been the standard based on when the International Code Council comes out with their code cycles. Over the years, stakeholders have expressed a three-year cycle is too quick and too often, causing them to spend too much money on new code books.

The Idaho Building Contractors Association supports adopting new IRC releases no less than a six-year code cycle after proper review and vetting.

The Idaho Association of Building Officials has discussed this topic and six years is too long; however, it needs to be more than three years.

The Chairman asked everyone to talk to their constituents, and the topic *Code Review Cycles* be placed on the August meeting agenda. In the future, the Chairman would like to either send a letter of recommendation or a vote from the Board to the legislature for their decision-making process.

ACTION: The topic *Code Review Cycles* will be placed on the August 21, 2018 Board meeting agenda as an informational item.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Building Program – Following are changes to the program: 1) Dissolution of the contract with the city of Meridian, 2) New small city contracts, and 3) Retirement of Building Program Manager Arlan Smith.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – Briefly addressed with the Idaho Building Code fund, fiscal year 2018 financial statement, as of May 31, 2018.

City of Meridian – The Division is not renewing its contract with the city of Meridian; however, will honor the original three-year contract and work through September 30, 2018.

Construction – Construction on several large commercial projects will and/or have begun in eastern Idaho. The cost, per project, ranges from \$35 million to \$4 billion.

Statistics – Administrator Chris L. Jensen provided a statistical analysis of the Division's activities in 2017.

School Inspections – With no funding, the DBS's Industrial Safety Program inspects schools yearly in an advisory role. The Division's Safety and Security Task Force accompanies the industry safety inspectors every third year, recommending how to make the schools safer and more security.

Kootenai County--Residential Codes – In April 2018, Kootenai County Board of Commissioners signed an ordinance to make building permits optional for any residential buildings that are on five acres or more. At the May 2018 primary election, it was purported the two commissioners that voted for the opt-out were defeated, and the two new commissioners are committed to bringing residential codes back into the County.

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Chuck Bleth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Blais seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m. (MDT)

ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

CHRIS L. JENSEN, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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