

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

**Tuesday - June 23, 2015 - 9:30 a.m. (MT)**

**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  
1118 F Street, Lewiston (DEQ)  
650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 110, Twin Falls (DEQ)  
900 North Skyline, Suite B, Idaho Falls (DEQ)**

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 9:34 a.m. (MT).

**Board Members Present:**

Andrew Bick, Chairman  
Michael Arrington  
Scott Buck  
Travis Beck  
Chuck Bleth  
Dan Hunter  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jan Welch, P.E.  
Jason Blais  
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  
Fred Sisneros, Financial Manager  
Arlan Smith, Building Program Manager  
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer  
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1  
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Kevin Gellings, Regional Supervisor, Region 3  
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

◆ **Open Forum**

No items or concerns were brought forth.

◆ **Approval of the June 23, 2015 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 14, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Negotiated Rulemaking**

In accordance with Idaho Code 39-4109(5), and as part of the negotiated rulemaking process, this is the second and final hearing on the subsequent proposals.

Jason Blais, Building Code Collaborative Representative, reiterated the following proposed amendments to the building and energy codes:

- IBC 907.2.3 Group E - Modify the proposed language in Section 907.2.3 Group E of the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) to read, “A manual fire alarm system is not required in Group E occupancies with an occupant load of fifty (50) or less.” The verbiage has been amended in the 2015 IBC to “50 or less”; however, has not been adopted.
- IRC N1102.4.3/IECC 402.4.3 - IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02(p) and 07.03.01.004.04(j) were created prior to the adoption of the 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) and 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). The rules specified new wood burning fireplaces required tight fitting flue dampers and combustion air. The language is now in the 2012 codes; therefore, the two rules are no longer needed.
- IRC R302.2 - The language in IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02(g), exception in IRC section R302.2 on fire-resistance rated wall assemblies, is unclear. The proposal clarifies the language by providing two exceptions that specify three acceptable options and methods to separate townhouses from each other.
- IRC R313.1 - The language in IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02(i), exception in IRC section R313.1 on townhouses and automatic fire sprinkler systems, is unclear. The proposal clarifies the language by providing two acceptable options and methods to separate townhomes from each other without having to install a fire sprinkler system.
- IDAPA 07.03.01.004.04 - Code references, “R” for residential and “C” for commercial, were added to the 2012 edition of the IECC. For consistency, the proposal adds the references throughout IDAPA 07.03.01.004.04 “International Energy Conservation Code”.

The Division’s Building Program Manager reiterated the following code amendment and rule change:

- 2012 IECC - C101.5.3 (New Section) - The proposal defines the energy code would not apply to buildings or portions of buildings where any heating and/or cooling was done for the sole/exclusive purpose of keeping industrial or electronic equipment at operating temperatures.
- IDAPA 07.03.01.026 & .027 - This administrative amendment is exclusively for the DBS and jurisdictions it serves. On an annual basis, one permit is purchased for all minor alterations. The Division will continue to provide inspections; recording the results and time spent inspecting the modifications.

The following motions were made by the Board on the above proposed amendments to the building and energy codes and IDAPA rules:

- IBC 907.2.3 Group E  
MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to approve the change in IBC 907.2.3 Group E. Mike Tracy and Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- IRC N1102.4.3/IECC 402.4.3  
MOTION: Mike Tracy made a motion to delete IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02(p) and 07.03.01.004.04(j). Dan Hunter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- IRC R302.2  
MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to accept the proposal; clarifying the language in IDAPA 07.03.01.004.02(g) as it pertains to fire-resistance rated wall assemblies. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- IRC R313.1  
MOTION: Mike Tracy made a motion to accept the proposal for IRC R313.1 as presented. Dan Hunter Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- IDAPA 07.03.01.004.04  
MOTION: Scott Buck made a motion to approve the addition of code references, “R” (residential) and “C” (commercial). in IDAPA 07.03.01.004.04. Mike Tracy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2012 IECC - C101.5.3 (New Section)  
MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to approve new section C101.5.3 in regards to exempting a class of buildings or portions that contain industrial, electronic or manufacturing equipment. Dennis Schaffner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- IDAPA 07.03.01.026 & .027  
MOTION: Dan Hunter made a motion to approve the proposal; creating an “annual” permit for use by state agencies or state governmental organizations on minor alterations. Scott Buck seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

2015 Codes - It was suggested all interested parties begin to formulate ideas/changes to the 2015 edition of the codes.

Sharon Grant, Eco Edge, and the code collaborative have begun vetting the energy code. An outline on the differences between the 2012 and 2015 codes, as well as an analysis; i.e., benefit versus cost, will be provided at a future meeting.

◆ **Operational Report**

Personnel Changes - HVAC Program Manager Jerry Peterson has changed positions within the Agency. His new title is Energy Program Manager. John Nielsen, Plumbing Program Manager, has assumed the responsibilities of the HVAC program, as well as continues to manage the Plumbing program.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report - The Idaho Building Code fund, FY 2015 financial statement as of May 31, 2015, was reviewed.

Residential Construction - There has been a 14.4% increase in residential construction in the state of Idaho this calendar year versus the previous calendar year. On a per capita basis, Idaho is the fastest growing residential construction area in the United States.

City of Ketchum - The Deputy Administrator-Administration provided an update on the construction of one major hotel project in the city of Ketchum.

Commercial Construction - Following are proposed, new, and/or existing construction projects throughout the state of Idaho: Food processing facility, Idaho Falls; Magnida plant, American Falls; Fort Hall gaming facility, Pocatello; 14-story condominium tower, Coeur d'Alene; Hagadone 19-story hotel tower, Coeur d'Alene; Sun Valley Lodge, Sun Valley; and Integrated Research Center, Moscow.

◆ **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 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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