

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Tuesday – June 11, 2019 – 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 11, 2019 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 9:34 a.m. (MDT)

Board Members Present:

Andrew Bick, Chairman
Jason Blais, Vice-Chairman
John Cotner
Stan Browning
Allen Jensen
Kent Soelberg
Phil Roberts
Chuck Bleth – Teleconference

DBS Staff Members Present:

Chris L. Jensen, Administrator
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Jeff Egan, Building Program Manager
Lisa Stover, Building Program Supervisor
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1
Jim Lynch, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Open Forum**

There were no new issues to discuss under Open Forum.

◆ **Approval of the June 11, 2019 Agenda,**

MOTION: John Cotner made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019 Agenda as presented. Phil Roberts seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the April 16, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Allen Jensen made a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes as written. Jason Blais seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the May 2, 2019 Special Draft Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Allen Jensen made a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes as written. John Cotner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Discuss and Review the Possible Adoption of 2018 Codes**

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)--Residential – Comments were made at the April 2019 meeting on how raters felt about the Energy Rating Index (ERI) for climate zone five being set at sixty-eight. Three raters from different regions of the state were contacted,

as well as Utah. The raters are comfortable with 68. Upon recently adopting the 2015 energy code, Utah adjusted their ERI to 68 for climate zone five too.

Mr. Peterson explained how he came up with the language for air change rate and blower door testing. There is new language for a “soft” implementation of July 1, 2021. This will allow for training, as well as bring awareness to the industry prior to the changes becoming effective and enforced on January 1, 2022. There is also an exception to allow rural areas to exempt out where testing equipment is not available or cost effective. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed blower door testing should be done on the fifth home of each builder, rather than fifth home in each jurisdiction.

ACTION: The Energy Program Manager will make the revision for review and action at the August 13th Idaho Building Code Board meeting.

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)--Commercial – Eric Makela, New Buildings Institute, had nothing new to report. At the April meeting, Mr. Makela offered to make a comparison between the current and new codes on metal buildings; however, never received any plans. Board Member Jensen discussed the issue on heating small shops/buildings with several individuals. It was determined the units will either have unheated areas or will not be heated consistently as the plan is to put a small heater in the work area only. The other option is to go semi-heated for ASHRAE, which will significantly eliminate a lot of the insulation requirements.

International Building Code (IBC) and International Existing Building Code (IEBC) – Board Member Jason Blais stated there were no changes since the April meeting. Both codes to be updated to the 2018 edition. Many of the amendments in the IEBC correlate with the IRC changes on the custodial care, medical care, personal care; aligning both codes. The IBC will keep the drinking fountain exception, footnote, and add language to cross-reference the state statute and rules on modular buildings.

International Residential Code (IRC) – Patrick Sullivan, city of Nampa, explained the following revisions made since the April 2019 meeting:

- 1) R322.2.1 *Elevation Requirements* – The question come up whether to add or use the requirement from the 2018 IRC to have a one-foot free board above and beyond the typical residential stem wall. It was determined to leave the required elevation to the authorities having jurisdiction in all incidences.
- 2) Footing Width and Depth – A footing depth paragraph, new subsection (t), was added from the 2012 IRC, which addresses footing depth in its entirety and will interface with the 2018 footing diagrams.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Basketball Arena – The University of Idaho has broken ground on a new basketball arena where Idaho wood products will be used.

DBS Employee – Jim Lynch has been promoted to inspector supervisor in eastern Idaho and will assist with managing the Building Program.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – The Board’s financials are in very good condition.

Construction – Expended Core Facility, Idaho Falls, (Estimated to use 1,200 electricians at its peak); Premier Technology, Blackfoot, (Small scale reactor project. Estimated to take up to 1,000 individuals for approximately ten years); McCain, Burley, (Grand opening); DOT built largest freezer in Idaho (20 below zero); Basic American, Rexburg; (Estimated \$130 million to revamp plant); Two cyber security buildings, Idaho Falls, (Final in August 2019); Approximately 14 story residential project, Coeur d’Alene; and new hospital facility, Kamiah, (DBS to provide plan review/inspections).

DBS Employee (Cont’d) – Kallie Streeper has relocated from the Division’s Meridian to Pocatello office and will manage building inspections and contract cities statewide.

◆ **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. (MDT)

ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

CHRIS L. JENSEN ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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