

**IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Tuesday – August 13, 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 AUGUST 13, 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 9:36 a.m. (MDT)

Board Members Present:

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

DBS Staff Members Present:

Chris L. Jensen, Administrator
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator
Spencer Holm, Deputy Attorney General
Jeff Egan, Building Program Manager
Larry Jeffres, Regional Manager, Region 1
Patrick J. Grace, Regional Manager, Region 2
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Manager, Region 3
Jamie Buckingham, Energy Program
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2

◆ **Open Forum**

There were no new issues to discuss under open forum.

◆ **Approval of the August 13, 2019 Agenda and June 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

When asked, the proposed changes to the four codes will be presented to the 2020 legislature as one package; however, the Board will vote on the codes individually.

MOTION: Jason Blais made a motion to approve the August 13, 2019 agenda as presented. Allen Jensen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Jason Blais made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Allen Jensen seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Conduct Public Hearing, Negotiated Rulemaking and Vote on the Adoption of the 2018 Codes**

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)--Residential – Jamie Buckingham, DBS Energy Program Representative, addressed the changes requested at the June Board meeting. Additional changes to be made are: 1) Table R402.1.2, *Insulation and Fenestration*

Requirements by Component, Wood Frame Wall R-Value for climate zone 6 to be changed to 22 or 13+5, 2) Table R402.1.4 *Equivalent U-Factors*, Frame Wall U-Factor for climate zone 6 to be changed to 0.057, and 3) Subsection (h), the date at the end of the first sentence to be changed to June 30, 2021.

MOTION: Allen Jensen made a motion to adopt the IECC--Residential Code with the new modifications. Chuck Bleth seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)--Commercial – Eric Makela, New Buildings Institute, reiterated the only change to the code is adding an “Exception” to C402.5 *Air Leakage-thermal envelope (mandatory)*. The language was replicated from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) 90.1-2016, and is referenced in the 2018 IECC. For clarification, the last sentence in IDAPA 07.03.1.004.04.b was edited. Mr. Makela requested a moment to review the new language with the original ASHRAE language. It was decided to move forward to the next action item and then return to this topic for Mr. Makela’s response.

International Building Code (IBC) and International Existing Building Code (IEBC) – Both codes will become the 2018 edition. Most of the language in the IBC correlates with the IRC custodial care, medical care, and personal care. The only addition since the June meeting was the cross-reference of title 39, chapter 43, Idaho Code and IDAPA 07.03.03 for modular.

MOTION: Mike Tracy made a motion to adopt the 2018 IBC as presented. Kent Soelberg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)--Commercial (Cont’d) – Mr. Makela approved the sentence as it does provide clarification.

MOTION: Allen Jensen made a motion to adopt the IECC-Commercial as presented. John Cotner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

International Building Code (IBC) and International Existing Building Code (IEBC) (Cont’d) – Unsure if the original motion included both the IBC and IEBC, Chairman Bick requested another motion.

MOTION: Allen Jensen made a motion to adopt the IBC and IEBC as presented. Kent Soelberg seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

International Residential Code (IRC) – Patrick Sullivan, city of Nampa, explained the proposed changes to the IDAPA rules for the 2018 IRC. It was noted when converting the word document to PDF, headings for the three sections in Table 403.1, *Minimum Width of Concrete, Precast, or Masonry Footings (Inches)*, were missing. Deputy Attorney General Holm ensured the headings to the table would be in the final draft.

When questioned, the “Exception” in subsection (i), as it pertains to the air infiltration rate of a dwelling unit, is not necessary and should be removed. Dave Yorgason, Building

Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho Representative, voiced concern that by removing the “Exception”, the charging statement may not apply to every situation.

Dave Freelove, Idaho Energy Code Circuit Rider, offered to provide to the Idaho Association of Building Official’s (IDABO) draft corrective actions for its board to send to all jurisdictions.

IDABO has scheduled five legislative luncheons in November to discuss the adoption of the 2018 codes. Leadership from the Idaho Building Contractors Association will be invited from each region.

MOTION: Chuck Bleth made a motion to adopt the proposed IRC with the new changes. Jason Blais seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of Pending Rules as Part of Reauthorization Process**

Deputy Administrator Ron Whitney presented the background on the reauthorization process of the Idaho Building Code Board rules. Since the Board’s special meeting in May 2019, the Governor’s office has identified a method in the rulemaking process to make further cuts/consolidation to word counts in the rules; i.e., Red Tape Reduction Act. Rather than approve the pending rules today, a special meeting/hearing will be required once a Notice of Rulemaking has been published in the Administrative Bulletin.

◆ **Amendment of Modular Building Provisions within the Building Code Rules**

Language in the Building Code rules is identical to the Modular Building provisions; therefore, the Board will need to vote whether to remove the language from its chapter. Again, due to the request from the Governor’s office, this topic will need to be acted upon at a special board meeting, which the Chairman agreed to hold on October 2, 2019.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Building Program – Several staff members have taken on additional roles within the program.

Construction – The following projects have begun or will be completed shortly: University of Idaho Basketball Arena, Moscow; State Hospital South, Blackfoot; and Boise State University Fine Arts Building, Boise.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – The Board’s revenue is at 119 percent of what was anticipated for the year. Deputy Administrator Whitney explained the costs of plan reviews and building permits on several large projects throughout the state of Idaho.

Permits/Inspections – There have been several days where DBS has exceeded 600 inspections a day. The permits are solid with 284 permits taken out overnight.

Budget – The Division’s budget for Fiscal Year 2021 is due on September 1, 2019 to the Governor’s office.

◆ **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. (MDT)

ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

CHRIS L. JENSEN ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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