

IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday – October 25, 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

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2016 MEETING

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 9:31 a.m. (MDT)

**Board Members Present:**

Andrew Bick, Chairman  
Scott Buck, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Tracy  
Michael Arrington  
Chuck Bleth, Teleconference  
Jason Blais  
Dennis Schaffner  
Jan Welch, P.E.  
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  
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3  
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Support

◆ **Open Forum**

Collaborative Meetings – Jon Laux, Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO) President, mentioned a letter to Administrator Pearce from the IDABO Board of Directors with regard to facilitating negotiations for the adoption of codes. Mr. Laux would like the process to begin as soon as possible; inviting all involved parties and hiring a mediator.

The Administrator took the letter as a personal attack. Public Information Officer Hatch read the following: 1) E-mail from IDABO Executive Director dated October 18, 2016, 2) Letter from IDABO Board of Directors, 3) Response letter from the Administrator to the IDABO Executive Director dated October 24, 2016, 5) Statement of Purpose (RS22908CI) for House Bill H0545, 6) Highlighted sections from the House Business Committee minutes dated March 5, 2014 regarding H0545, and 7) Highlighted sections from the Senate Commerce & Human Resources Committee minutes dated March 13, 2014 regarding H0545.

With the recent division within the Coalition, Board Member Jensen prepared and distributed a draft Building Code Coalition Resolution, 2016-01, (Resolution) for review and comment. The Resolution would be a way for the Board to regain control over future negotiations of proposed changes to the International Codes. No action was required; however, it was suggested the draft possibly be an action item on the February 2017 board meeting agenda.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The majority of the Board did not favor a mediator. It was suggested several collaborative meetings be held prior to the Board's first meeting in 2017.

◆ **Approval of the October 25, 2016 Agenda**

**MOTION:** Mike Tracy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Allen Jensen seconded. Vote called. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the June 28, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mike Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Scott Buck seconded. Vote called. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of the August 11, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Member Jensen attended the meeting; however, his name was omitted on the first page under "Board Members Present".

**MOTION:** Allen Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Michael Arrington seconded. Vote called. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Schedule 2017 Board Meetings**

The following dates were proposed for the 2017 Idaho Building Code Board meetings: February 14th, April 25th, June 27th and October 24th. Board Member Tracy requested the February meeting be changed from the 14th to the 21st. Board Member Welch suggested a special meeting be tentatively scheduled for August 22nd; allowing the Board an opportunity to further discuss proposed legislation, if needed.

**MOTION:** Jan Welch made a motion to approve the following 2017 board meeting dates: February 21st, April 25th, June 27th, August 22nd (tentative), and October 24th. Scott Buck seconded. Vote called. All in favor, motion carried.

**ACTION:** The 2017 Idaho Building Code Board meeting dates will be placed on the Division's board calendar and website.

Collaborative Meetings (Cont'd) – The Chairman requested at least one collaborative meeting be held before the holiday season and a minimum of four meetings be conducted by the February 2017 Board meeting.

Prior to collaborative meetings being scheduled, the Administrator suggested the Division make the initial contact to bring the two main parties, IDABO and Idaho Building Contractors Association (IBCA), together to see if there isn't some direction everyone could agree upon. The Chairman consented; suggesting a meeting(s) be held in the weeks of November 14th-18th and December 5th-9th, with feedback brought to the Board's February 21, 2017 meeting.

**ACTION:** In November 2016, the Division will schedule a meeting between IDABO and IBCA in an attempt to come to an agreement with regard to proposed building code changes.

◆ **Program Manager Report**

Personnel – One new building inspector has been hired in eastern Idaho. Also, the Division is in the process of hiring either a building inspector or plans examiner to fill a recently vacated position at the Meridian office.

◆ **Operational Report**

Docket 07-0301-1601, *Rules of Building Safety*, in reference to the 2015 International Building Code (IBC), 2015 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), and the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), with amendments and exceptions, has been published in the October Administrative Bulletin. The Division has not received any comments within the required period.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Policy –Deputy Attorney General Grace informed the Board of a new policy FEMA has promulgated. As a condition of assistance, buildings eligible for repair, replacement, or construction located in hazard-prone areas will use, at a minimum, the hazard-resistant standards referenced in the most recent edition of the model building code (IBC, IEBC, and International Residential Code) as of the disaster declaration date.

Financial Report - The Idaho Building Code fund, FY 2017 financial statement as of September 30, 2016, was reviewed.

A Tale of Two Cities – A comparison of the FY 2008 and FY 2018 budgets was provided. The approved budget in FY 2008, and the requested budget for FY 2018, was/is a little over \$14 million dollars. Compared to 2008, the Division is doing more with less employees.

Solar Projects – There are several major solar farms being or have been built in Idaho. They are located in or near Grandview, Kuna, Blackfoot, and American Falls.

◆ **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mike Tracy made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Schaffner seconded. Vote called. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. (MDT).

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ANDREW BICK, CHAIRMAN  
IDAHO BUILDING CODE BOARD

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CHRIS JENSEN, ADMINISTRATOR  
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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