

Mechanical Board meeting

Teleconference meeting minutes

December 2, 2009

Members present: Terry Hurst, Chairman
Guy Sperb, Vice-chairman
David Duncan
Bill Hansen
James Klopfenstein
Darrell L. Skondin
Bradley Wright

Members absent: James Culbertson

Staff present: Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager
Micheal Ewert, mechanical/residential code programs
Andrea Fogue, green building and legislative affairs manager
Jim Hanson, policy analyst
Ree Armitage, policy analyst
Shauna Parker, rules coordinator
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

Guests Present: John Caul, Oregon State Fire Marshal
Jay Winchester, Washington County
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
John Stelzenmueller, Oregon Mechanical Officials Association

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Terry Hurst called the Mechanical Board meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The meeting was held at Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Bill Hansen was connected by teleconference. All other members were present at the meeting.

C. Approval of agenda and order of business

Chair Hurst **RULED** the agenda approved.

D. Approval of the board meeting minutes

Chair Hurst **RULED** the regular board meeting of December 2, 2009 approved.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting: June 2, 2010

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Chris Huntington briefed the board on the new staffing changes at the division. Andrea Simmons has recently accepted a promotional opportunity with the Oregon Department of Energy. Because of the move, Berri Leslie has accepted the position of acting Deputy Administrator of Building Codes Division. Andrea Fogue, from the League of Oregon Cities has accepted the position as the new Legislative and Green Building Services Manager. Ree Armitage from the Oregon State Legislative staff is the newest policy analyst in the Policy and Technical Services section. Manager Huntington then discussed the legislative and rulemaking activities listed in the [BCD Update](#) packet.

HB 2200 became effective July 1, 2009. The bill increased boiler permits and inspection fees, boiler installation permits will go to a flat fee rate rather than an hourly rate, and the elevator hourly inspection rates and re-inspection fees will increase.

HB 3462, passed by the 2009 Legislature, has two major components related to inspector certification:

- It authorizes the division to establish renewal periods and fees for certifications (Phase I).
- And it authorizes the division to create a pilot program to develop specialized inspector certifications and training. (Phase II).

A committee was established and has completed its work. Its focus was exclusively on rulemaking for the first phase of HB 3462, the inspector and building official certification renewal periods, processes, and fees. The public hearing is scheduled for December 16, 2009. The anticipated effective date for Phase 1 rules is July 1, 2010.

Rulemaking for Phase II follows a separate process and will begin later this fall. Manager Huntington noted that the legislature has authorized this pilot program to run for seven years as a trial period. If the program is a success, then the division will take it back to the legislature to make it permanent.

HB 2950 created a new Construction Industry Energy Board, which will include two members from each of the following boards, Electrical and Elevator Board, Building Codes Structures Board, and Residential Structures Board, and one member appointed by the Oregon Department of Energy. That board's meetings and activities can be seen on the [division's Web site](#).

Manager Huntington discussed the division's process of forming a committee to prepare for the adoption of the nation's first statewide solar energy code. He noted that the division is focusing on photovoltaic. The new code will be known as an 80-percent code, which means that the solar code is not intended to cover all types of potential solar installations. The Construction Industry Energy Board will review the Solar Energy Code.

Manager Huntington noted that the 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code is near completion. It has gone through public hearing with no public testimony. The code is now with ICC for review then publication. Manager Huntington noted that the comment period for the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code was extended to December 11 due to comments received during the public hearing. Because of those comments received, the division anticipates that changes may need to occur to the draft code. If changes occur, the board will be reviewing and making recommendations on the additional changes at its next scheduled meeting.

Manager Huntington said that the energy provisions will be pulled out of the structural code to create a separate energy efficiency code. Additionally, the division has moved away from an Oregon code for the energy provisions and moved toward the International Energy Conservation Code developed by the International Code Council. Although the advisory committee has completed its meetings, there is more work to be done in order to insure that the energy code meets the statutory obligation for improvements in energy efficiency of at least 15-percent in the commercial energy code. The division is anticipating the likely effective date for the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code, 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, and the energy code to be July 1, 2010.

Vice-chair Guy Sperb noted that the Oregon Building Officials Association sponsors a training institute in March prior to a code adoption that normally occurs April 1. Due to the delay in implementation, will books be available for code officials to conduct training? Although the adoption date will be delayed, Manager Huntington noted that OBOA has been made aware of the issue.

B. Program update

This item was included in division update.

IV. Communications - None

V. Appeals - None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New Business - None

VII. Announcements – None

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Hurst adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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