

FINAL
State of Oregon

BUILDING CODES STRUCTURES BOARD

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Argo, Chairman
Martin Brown, Vice-Chairman
Blair Bubenik *(teleconference)*
Chris Davis *(teleconference)*
Lawrence Hite
Michael McBride
Jim Schwager *(teleconferencing)*
Michael Steffen *(teleconferencing)*

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Dobbs

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Long, Administrator of Building Codes Division
Andrea Simmons, Manager of Policy & Technical Services
Twyla Knowles, Assistant Manager
of Policy & Technical Services
Richard Rogers, Structural Program Chief and Board Secretary
Mike Ewert, Mechanical/One- and Two-Family Dwelling
Code Specialist
Debi Barnes-Woods, Division Boards Coordinator/Recorder

GUESTS PRESENT: Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy
Gary Lampella, City of Tigard
James Bela, Oregon Earth Quake Awareness

I. BOARD BUSINESS

I.A. Call to Order

Chairman Ted Argo called the Building Codes Structures Board to order at 9:30 a.m. The teleconferencing meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater NW, Salem, Oregon.

I.B. Roll Call

Bruce Dobbs was absent, excused.

I.C. Approval of Agenda and Order of Business

Chairman Argo **RULED** the agenda approved as mailed.

I.D. Date of the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

May 4, 2005.

Agenda items for the May 4, 2005 meeting was discussed briefly.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Bela, Oregon Earthquake Awareness, discussed a program call “The wave that shook the world” in connection to the December 26, 2005 tsunami. A short video tape was played for individuals present.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Board consideration of an emergency rule adopting Chapter 29 of the 1998 Oregon Structural Specialty Code with certain amendments as an alternative to Chapter 29 of the 2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code.

Richard Rogers, Structural Program Chief, explained the fiscal impact in school facilities in Oregon related to Chapter 29 of the IBC for the additional fixture requirement. Because of the comments received at BCD from architects and the additional cost impact on schools, the division recommends that the board review and consider supporting an emergency rule adopting an amended version of Chapter 29 from the 1998 OSSC as an alternative to Chapter 29 of the 2004 OSSC.

Statewide consistency was discussed by using the code change process. The temporary rule will be in place for 180-days for the purpose of providing relief to projects on hold due to the additional requirements in Chapter 29 of the IBC. A permanent rule must be put in place before the expiration date of the temporary rule to resolve the issue.

MOTION by Vice-Chairman Martin Brown, for the board to support an emergency rule adopting an amended version of Chapter 29 from the 1998 OSSC as an alternative to Chapter 29 of the 2004 OSSC.

Roll call vote taken:

Aye: Steffen, Schwager, McBride, Hite, Davis, Bubenik, Brown, Argo.

Nay: None.

Absent: Dobbs.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Andrea Simmons, Manager of Policy and Technical Services, explained that during last legislative session, changes were made to allow flexibility in the code adoption process. Those rules are being filed for an April 1, 2005 effective date. To resolve the issue at hand, without allowing the temporary rule to expire, the code change process needs to begin. The adoption dates are quarterly. The next adoption date is January 1, 2006, which would be in violation with the rules in place for April or October adoption dates.

MOTION BY Vice-Chairman Martin Brown, to forward the issue to the Structural Code Change Committee for a solution.

Roll call vote taken:

Aye: Steffen, Schwager, Hite, Davis, Bubenik, Brown, Argo.

Nay: McBride.

Absent: Dobbs.

MOTION CARRIED.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Employee: Shane Sumption has a background in sprinkler installation in high rises in Portland and across the region. He has accepted the position as Fire, Life-Safety ADA Program Specialist.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Argo adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debi Barnes-Woods
Division Boards Coordinator/Recorder

Exhibits: None

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