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Meeting Summary

****NOTE:** *The following is a summary of the committee's discussion.*

To review the meeting in its entirety, the archived video of the meeting is available on the committee's Web site at the following link: <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/1/reachcode.html>

Members Present: **Bill Clemens**, Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA)
David Cohan, Northwest Energy efficiency Alliance (NEEA)
Seda Collier, Designer – City of Eugene
Jim Denno, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)
Joe Esmonde, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
Jon Gray, Plumbers and Steamfitters – Local 290
Tom Payne, Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)
Kate Turpin, SERA Architects
Rob Yorke, Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC)

Members Absent: **Franco Martinec**, Port of Portland

Guests Present: Tad Everhart, Passive House Northwest
Pam Triplett, Department of Human Services (DHS)
Phil Damiano, Energy Trust of Oregon
Michael Freels, Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)
Steve Strawn, Jeld-Wen Inc.
Eli Caudill, Energy Trust of Oregon
Ron Copenhagen, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 290
Spencer Moersfelder, Energy Trust of Oregon
Bruce Dobbs, North West Natural

Staff Present: Chris Huntington, Policy and Technical Services Manager
Andrea Fogue, Legislative and Green Building Services Manager
Patrick Allen, Administrator
Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst
Mark Campion, Policy Analyst
Gabrielle Schiffer, Sustainability Coordinator
Dana Fischer, Building Code Para-Technical
Wendy Beard, Regional Manager
Michael Morter, Regional Services Manager

Introductions

Andrea Fogue, Legislative and Green Building Services Manager, opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. by welcoming the committee and guests. She took a few minutes to introduce Building Code staff. Ms. Fogue then asked committee members to introduce themselves and provide background on their education, training, experience and what interests them about the Reach Code development.

Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst, explained [Senate Bill \(SB\) 79](#) to the committee and guests, giving them a broad overview of the bill and how it was initiated. She stated that the bill was a legislative directive, which mandates the division to increase the energy efficiency of commercial structures by 15-25% and residential structures by 10-15%. The division has finalized development of the Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC). The OEESC will be used for the development of the Reach Code, which is an optional set of standards that will go above current construction requirements of state mandatory codes.

Ms. Teverbaugh explained that once the code is developed, it will act like a Statewide Alternate Method. Unlike a regular Site Specific Alternate Method where a customer has to prove the alternate method of construction still meets code requirements, anyone choosing to use the Reach Code as an alternate method of construction will have automatic approval from any local jurisdiction.

Ms. Teverbaugh stated that part of the statutory mandate in developing the Reach Code, is that the code must line up with local, state and federal incentives. One goal for the next meeting is to bring in people involved in those programs to share with the committee information on specific incentive programs. It is important for the committee to know what incentives are available so they can decide what provisions to recommend to align with the incentive structures.

Goals and Outcomes

Ms. Teverbaugh explained the division's [goals and outcomes](#) to the committee and guests.

Committee Procedures

Ms. Teverbaugh explained to the committee and guests, the [committee procedures](#). She explained that the division has selected the 2012 International Green Construction Code (IGCC) as the base model code for the development of the 2010 Oregon Reach Code. She also explained the code proposal process, the forty-five day submittal time period and that code proposals need to be written in code language so the committee can discuss the proposal. She noted that the forty-five day submittal time period closes on May 7, 2010.

Ms. Teverbaugh explained that she will be acting as the committee's Facilitator and that there will not be a person assigned as the Committee Chair. She explained the "motion" process and the "voting" process. The decisions the committee makes will be sent to the Construction Energy Industry Board for review and approval. She explained that the Board is a new board that came out of House Bill 2950 and that the board consists of members from the Residential, Structural and Electrical boards. If the committee recommends provisions from other disciplines, those provisions will need to be reviewed by the respective board.

Ms. Teverbaugh opened up the meeting for the committee and guests to ask and discuss questions.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.