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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/1reachcode.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)
Franco Martinec, Port of Portland

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Graham Wright, Passive House Oregon
Jim Bowman, American Wood Council
Ron Copenhagen, Local 290

Staff Present: Chris Huntington, Policy and Technical Services Manager
Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst
Mark Campion, Policy Analyst
Mark Heizer, Policy Analyst
Andrea Fogue, Legislative and Green Buildings Services Manager
Dana Fischer, Building Code Para-Technical

Introductions

Aeron Teverbaugh, Policy Analyst, called the meeting to order at 1:45p.m. She welcomed the committee and guests.

Committee discussion: how to approach the development of the Reach Code

Ms. Teverbaugh explained that the division received three letters of public comment, 1) AIA, 2) City of Portland and 3) NW Natural. She asked committee members to review them and provide comment.

David Cohan ask for clarification on how the committee will approach reviewing the IGCC if there are no proposals on any given section, and if that does happen, does that mean the section will automatically become part of the Reach Code. Ms. Teverbaugh stated that the committee will review the entire code and as each chapter is reviewed there could be public comment on the chapter.

Committee members discussed at length how they should approach developing the Reach Code. Tom Payne expressed his belief that the code will benefit engineers and architects as they work through the design of a structure and that the code could help attract new businesses to Oregon.

Bill Clemens stated it would be a benefit to have a list of what energy savings and credits are available for consumers. Jim Denno stated that current incentives should be looked at now as the code is developed and then in three years when the code is updated the incentives would need to be looked at again.

Ms. Teverbaugh explained that the division is here to help and can be assigned tasks by the committee. This could include the research of specific information and drafting language to bring back to the committee for their review. She also stated that the committee can request a *technical subcommittee* to review and develop specific language that will then be brought back to the committee for their review and possible inclusion in the Reach Code.

Mr. Cohan asked how Building Officials are feeling about using the “Reach Code”, since the format may not look like a standard code. Bill Clemens responded that the biggest concern will be the cost, but since the base document is an ICC code, he believes most Building Officials are ok with the intent of the Reach Code and has not heard otherwise. Mr. Clemens stated the extra cost will be associated with training and the extra time needed by a plans examiner to review the plans.

Break

The committee took a short break.

Submitted comments:

[American Institute of Architects \(AIA\)](#), [City of Portland](#), [NW Natural](#) and [PECI](#)

The committee discussed each submitted comment at length. One question asked is if the comments should be considered as code proposals or not. Ms Teverbaugh stated that decision is up to the committee.

Ms. Teverbaugh stated that at the next committee meeting, the committee will begin to review the submitted code proposals.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.