

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATION EXAMINERS AND APPEALS**

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

September 18, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. by Chair Bohne.

Board Present	Board Absent	Staff Present	Public Participation
Scott Bohne	John Edwards	Ross Noffsinger	
Tyler Loken	Serena O'Donnell	Ron Thompson	
Craig Fredeen	Sterling Strait	Jerry Weaver	
Ray Hickel	Rob Merchant		
Jonathan Steele	Jon Hawkinson		
Eric Cowling	Troy Feller		
Bari Gray			
Preston McKee			
Royal Field			

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Steele moved to approve. Mr. Fredeen second. Chair Bohne proposed a change by adding introductions. The agenda was **APPROVED** with changes.

- a. Introductions: Chair Bohne noted Mr. McKee is a new board member and asked that everyone introduce themselves.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Minutes of February 6, 2014; Mr. Steele moved to approve. Mr. Fredeen second. **Unanimously approved.**
- b. Minutes of March 6, 2014; Mr. Steele moved to approve. Mr. Fredeen second. **Unanimously approved.**
- c. Minutes of April 17, 2014; Mr. Steele moved to approve. Mr. Fredeen second. **Unanimously approved.**

4. **APPEARANCE REQUESTS / PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Proposed adoption of the 2012 Building Codes**

Staff presented and explained the local amendments process, noting all the amendments went through a public process. Staff noted the administrative code was not before them tonight. It was noted it was being fine tuned for the fees. Staff is consulting with the three large organizations that will be affected (ABC, AGC and the home builders) who have give their initial okay on the fee increases. Once completed staff will bring the administrative code before the board at another meeting.

Board members asked questions on when the codes would get through legal and the assembly, and when they would become effective; where is the state on adopting the 2012 codes; the energy code is before us and members remember it was controversial in 2006; and it was asked if the 2012 codes are effective in 2015, when would the 2015 codes be implemented.

Staff commented they were hoping for January 1, 2015 effective date but not able to give a specific date because it is not in their control; it was explained we are one year behind the historical three year cycle meaning the 2012 codes historically would have been adopted in 2014. Note the 2009 codes became effective July of 2011. It was noted the state codes were out for review but were pulled and are on hold. It was noted that electrical concerns held up the adoption of the 2009 energy code. Staff feels that work completed by the IECC committee has addressed these concerns.

Chair Bohne noted the board would start with 23.15 IBC and go through them individually.

23.15 IBC: Mr. Steele moved for the adoption of 23.15, local amendments to the International Building Code, 2012 Edition. Mr. Fredeen second. The Chair opened the floor to public comment:

David Boggs, a local engineer, spoke and asked about when the referenced standards change, what is the process of Alternate Means and Methods regarding combustible belts in elevators because there is a problem within the codes. He went on to explain the problem. Staff explained the alternate means and methods process. Mr. Boggs understood and had no further questions.

Mr. Field brought forward 7 comments concerning the proposed 2012 codes for review. The board briefly discussed the comments. Staff stated they would review the comments and provide a written response for discussion at the next board meeting.

Unanimously approved.

23.20 IMC: Mr. Fredeen moved to adopt 23.20 International Mechanical Code, 2012 Edition. Mr. Steele second and unanimously approved

23.25 UPC: Mr. Gray motioned to accept the amendments to Chapter 23. 25 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition, as written. Mr. Fredeen second and unanimously approved.

23.30 NEC 2011: Mr. Cowling motioned to adopt the 23.30 local amendments to the National Electrical Code, 2011 Edition, as written. Mr. Field second and unanimously approved. Note the 2011 NEC is the current code and there are no proposed changes.

23.45 IFC: Mr. Steele motioned to approve the Chapter 23.45 local amendments to the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, as written. Mr. Cowling second and unanimously approved.

23.55 Fire Protection Service Outside Service Areas: Mr. Loken motioned to approve 23.55 Fire Protection Service Outside Service Areas. Mr. Field second and unanimously approved.

23.60 International Energy Conservation Code: Mr. Cowling proposed to adopt 23.60 local amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code, 2012 Edition. Mr. Steele second and approved with one abstaining.

23.65 IEBC: Mr. Steele motioned for approval of 23.65 local amendments to the International Existing Building Code, 2012 Edition. Mr. Loken second and unanimously approved.

