

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal (via Zoom)
April 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner of Public Safety, Board Chair/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair delegate Greg Day | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Veilleux, representing the State Fire Marshal's Office | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Stambach, CEO representing a Municipality that is not a Service Center Community (No camera, not able to participate in vote) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Lister, CEO representing a Municipality that is a Service Center Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Chretien, representing Residential Builders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Poulton, representing Commercial Builders | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Matero, representing Maine Chapter of the American Institute of Architects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Dube, representing Structural Engineers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Pullen, representing the Maine Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Cheslak (resigned), Energy Efficiency Representative |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Martel, Mechanical Engineer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Horr, Lumber Material Dealer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Stoddard, Representing Efficiency Maine |

Staff Present: Shannon Quintal

1. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
Meeting started at 9:03AM. Quorum confirmed.
Introduction of board members.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Carl Chretien, second by Mike Pullen.
9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Amended agenda items: Add under Unfinished Business – Canadian Air Standard, and correct Unfinished Business item C- to “Third Party Inspector Certification”
3. Review and approval of the minutes:
A. March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes –
Motion to accept the March 21, 2024 meeting minutes.
Motion by Marc Veilleux, second by Carl Chretien.
8 in favor, 0 opposed, David Matero abstained.
4. Report from Board Chair:
A. Financial Update – \$847,374
5. Legislative update:
A. Current Legislative session update – No significant updates. Carl Chretien provided an update on the status of Contractor Licensing. Greg Day will try to find the most recent update of the bill and send to the Board.
6. Staff Report:
A. Recent training update – Recently had a training on the IMC update with Gary Gauthier - ICC, on 4/09/24 which had 59 attendees.
B. ResCheck and ComCheck training with Shums Coda Associates – The Fire Marshal's Office is working on a contract to schedule trainings.
C. Update on Paul's position – Greg Day provided an update on the process for hiring a new state building official.
D. Update on custom codes- The Fire Marshal's Office is waiting for information from ICC. Bill Nash, ICC, provided update on the process of doing custom codes.
7. Unfinished Business:

A. Review Overall MUBEC update Status—Greg Day provided the Board with an update on the status of the Chapters. The Board requested the office website be updated with status.

1. The new Rules for Chapters 1 & 4 were signed by the Commissioner of DPS on March 17, 2024. This will make Chapters 1 & 4 law on or about June 17th. The new Rules would then be in conflict with the existing Rules for Chapters 3, 5, 6 & 7. To avoid this conflict, Kent Avery suggested all new Rules be signed at the same time. The Board agreed. SFMO to "pull back" new Rules for Chapters 1 & 4.
2. The new Rules for Chapters 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 were sent to the AG for review today. It is expected that the new Rules will be posted for public comment by late April and signed by the Commissioner of DPS by the end of June. This would make the new Rules law on or about October 1, 2024.
3. Greg advised the Board that the new Rules have elicited some public comments. Process wise, the Board does not see the public comments. The SFMO responds to every comment. The Board does not see those responses.

B. Energy Appendix – continued discussion from March action – After brief discussion on moving forward, the Board voted to move it to the Energy – Technical Advisory Group.

Motion to take the Stretch Energy Code discussion to the Energy TAG.

Motion by Eric Dube, second by Marc Veilleux

9 in favor, 0 opposed

David Matero will be the TAG Chair.

- C. Third Party Inspector Certification- Randy Poulton expressed concerns over the process of becoming certified as a TPI and inquired on the Board's interest in creating a more robust process. The Board reviewed the statutes and rules related to TPI certification and have decided to incorporate further discussion within the Training and Certification Committee.

Request to include on agendas a "committee report."

- D. Canadian Air Standard – Reference to the standard was previously voted into Chapter 1. The Fire Marshal's Office is working on obtaining copies of the standard with help from Christie Crocker at Maine Indoor Air Quality.

8. New Business:

No business discussed.

9. Public Comments:

Greg Gilbert request clarification on the effective date of MUBEC Chapters and upcoming TAG meetings and creation of committees.

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 18, 2024

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Marc Veilleux, second by Carl Chretien

8 in favor, 0 opposed, Randy Poulton not present for vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58AM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant