

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal
December 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

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 | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Pulaski, Energy Efficiency Representative |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Martel, Mechanical Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Horr, Lumber Material Dealer, present, but could not participate in vote due to lack of video. | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Stoddard, Representing Efficiency Maine |

Staff Present: Greg Gilbert, Shannon Quintal, Kent Avery

1. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
Meeting started at 9:02 AM. Quorum confirmed.
Introduction of board members.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to accept the agenda.
Motion by Carl Chretien, second by Mike Pullen.
10 in favor, 0 opposed.

Eric Dube requested to add discussion of BRIC Funded Survey.
3. Review and approval of the minutes:
 - A. November 19*, 2024 Meeting minutes
Motion to approve the minutes as written.
Motion by David Matero, second by Steve Martel.
8 in favor, 0 opposed, Mike Pullen and Michael Pulaski abstained.

*Meeting/Agenda referenced the date of the meeting as November 15. The correct date of the meeting minutes was November 19.

4. Report from Board Chair:
 - A. Financial Update – Tabled until next meeting.
5. Legislative update:
 - A. Current Legislative session update – Tabled until next meeting.
6. Staff Report:
 - A. Tabled until next meeting.
7. Training and Certification Committee:
 - A. Tabled until next meeting.

8. Unfinished Business:

A. MUBEC Adoption – Response to adoption comments – the Board received the public comments to review prior to meeting. The Board discussed how to respond to the comment.

i. Responsible Energy Code Alliance Comment

Motion to send a “Thank you for your comment” response.

Motion by David Matero, seconded by Eric Dube.

10 in favor, 0 opposed.

ii. International Code Council Comment

Motion to send a “Thank you for your comment” response.

Motion by David Matero, second by Eric Dube.

10 in favor, 0 opposed.

iii. PassivHaus Comment

Motion to leave the rule as written.

Motion by Randy Poulton, second by Carl Chretien

6 in favor, 4 opposed.

Marc Veilleux, Mark Stambach, Tom Lister, and Michael Pulaski opposed.

Motion to respond with “Thank you for your comments, at this time we are leaving the language as is but will consider changing for the next code cycle.”

Motion by Eric Dube, second by Mark Stambach.

9 in favor, 1 opposed. Michael Pulaski opposed.

iv. Foam Sheathing Insulation Industry Comment

Motion to respond with “Thank you for your comments, at this time we are leaving the language as is but will consider changing for the next code cycle.”

Motion by David Matero, second by Mark Stambach

8 in favor, 2 opposed. Randy Poulton and Carl Chretien opposed.

v. Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Maine Comment

Motion to respond with “Thank you for your comments, at this time we are leaving the language as is but will consider changing for the next code cycle.”

Motion by Steve Martel, second by Mike Pullen.

10 in favor, 0 opposed.

vi. Maine Energy Code Collaborative Comment

Motion to send a “Thank you for your comment” response.

Motion by David Matero, second by Eric Dube.

10 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board determined there were no changes to be made to the rules. The Fire Marshal’s Office will provide responses to the comments on behalf of the Board. Rules will be sent to the Commissioner of Public Safety for signature and to the Attorney General’s Office for a final review.

B. Annual report to the legislature – last year’s report sent to the Board in November for reminder of what was written as a starting point for thoughts. Request for Board to send any items they wish to see in the report to Fire Marshal’s staff to get a draft going. Report is due January 31. MOCA would like to be involved in the document that goes out. The Board made some suggestions on content needed in the letter.

- C. Maine Custom Codes – Greg Gilbert received letter from ICC offering to do Maine Custom Codes on their digital codes platform at no charge to the state. Once the codes are officially adopted, its estimated at a two-month process to get the custom codes. Waiting on information for cost of future custom codes.
- D. BRIC Funded Code Enforcement Survey – Greg Day summarized the intent of the BRIC funded survey, focusing on information for the community risk reduction program, not intended to be for the MUBEC Board. Richard Taylor, Fire Marshal’s Office, will provide more in-depth information at the next Training and Certification Committee meeting that was scheduled for January 9, 2025.
- E. Elevator Lobbies and Hoist ways – The Fire Marshal’s Office staff looked into the issue discussed and determined it was not mandatory for all situations.
- F. Canadian ASHRAE Standard – The Fire Marshal’s Office will purchase a copy of the standard for Steve Martel to review.
- G. Discussion of Duties and Powers- Kent Avery, Attorney General’s Office, clarified some of the duties of the Board as written in the statute.

9. New Business:

No new business taken up.

10. Public Comments:

No public comment made.

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 16, 2025

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by David Matero, second Eric Dube
10 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:27AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant