

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal
January 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

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 (left meeting at 10:26AM) | <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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Stoddard, Representing Efficiency Maine |

Staff Present: Greg Gilbert, Kent Avery

1. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
Meeting started at 9:06 AM. Quorum confirmed.
Introduction of board members.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as written.
Motion by Marc Veilleux, second by David Matero.
10 in favor, 0 opposed.
3. Review and approval of the minutes:
 - A. December 19, 2024 Meeting minutes
Motion to accept minutes as amended.
Motion by Randy Poulton, second by Steve Martel.
10 in favor, 0 opposed.

Amended items: Correct year on next meeting to 2025, add Kent Avery under “Staff Present”
4. Report from Board Chair:
 - A. Introduction of Samantha Horn – Greg Day introduced Samantha Horn, new director of Maine Office of Community Affairs. Samantha Horn gave an overview of the process for moving programs to MOCA and provided the Board with an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns/needs of the Building Codes program.
 - B. Financial Update – \$910,211
5. Legislative update:
 - A. Current Legislative session update – Tabled until next meeting.
6. Staff Report:
 - A. MUBEC Adoption – Approved and signed by the Commissioner on January 7, 2025, sent to the Attorney General's Office for review.
 - B. Planned Training Schedule and Events – Plan to have trainings scheduled in different topics every two weeks or so. Topics in progress of scheduling are 80K/Legal Issues, Land Use and Shoreland Zoning. Current upcoming trainings are LPI training today, MBOIA Legal Issues next week in Brewer and the MBOIA spring conference.

- C. BRIC Purchases- Getting bids out for exam rewrites and code books. The 2020 BRIC got an extension to be utilized for the utilized for the bi-weekly trainings.

7. Training and Certification Committee:

- A. Report from committee Chair – Eric Dube provided a summary of what the Training and Certification Committee has been working on and priorities. Website is a major focus to help with the transition to MOCA. The Training and Certification Committee will try to have an outline put together by March or April and provide Samantha Horn details for inquiring on website aspects of the transition.

8. Unfinished Business:

- A. Annual report to the legislature – Greg Gilbert shared last year's report as an outline for the draft for this year. The Board provided Greg Gilbert with items to add and what is still relevant and should remain in this year's letter. Greg Gilbert will incorporate the changes into a draft and provide copy of letter to MOCA for potential input. Board will meet on January 31, 2025 to approve report letter.

Discussion led to the conclusion that the Board should have Contractor Licensing as an agenda item on an upcoming meeting.

- B. Maine Custom Codes – The Office of State Fire Marshal does have an offer on the custom codes, and it requires a contract. State contracts are not transferrable, so the custom codes timeline may be pushed back until the transition to MOCA has occurred.
- C. Canadian ASHRAE Standard – Steve Martel has been reviewing the Canadian Air Standard in comparison to the ASHRAE standard, and so far, has not found anything that appears to be in conflict, but has found that the Canadian Air Standard appears to be more direction on where the air needs to be delivered. It does reference many other Canadian standards.

9. New Business:

No new business taken up.

10. Public Comments:

Travis Blake, Homebuilders and Remodelers Association, commented that educating contractors, in addition to code enforcement officers, is important and requested further conversations about providing that training. In reference to the discussion of contractor licensing, noted that the bill was specific to residential, not commercial, which is important when it comes to taking away the prerequisite educational side of it for the bill coming up, and keeping in the continued education and that's an opportunity from an association side to provide that education. Travis Blake also commented that the Energy Stretch Code, in addition to the base code, makes it more complicated for the individual contractors when the intent of the MUBEC was to have one uniform code.

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 31, 2025

Motion to end the meeting.

Motion by David Matero, second by Eric Dube.

8 in favor, 0 opposed, David Matero missed during vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:41AM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant