

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety
Office of State Fire Marshal
May 6, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams Meeting

Board members present: Steve Wintle, Ben Breadmore, Mike Pullen, Steve Martel, Jeremy Martin, Randy Poulton, David Matero, Eric Dube, Marc Veilleux, Michael Stoddard

Excused: Barry Chase

Staff present: Rich McCarthy, Paul Demers, Greg Day, Shannon Quintal

Meeting started at 10:05 am with a review of the Governor's State of Civil Emergency authorizing State agencies to conduct meetings through telephonic/electronic means, set expectations of how the meeting will be conducted, and a rollcall of board members was conducted. Quorum confirmed.

1. Review of January 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve as written.

Motion by Randy Poulton, Second by Jeremy Martin.

8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained

Review of February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve as written.

Motion by Randy Poulton, second by Jeremy Martin.

7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained

Report from Board Chair – Richard McCarthy

2. Financial Update: \$739,305

3. Training Update

IECC 2015 Training with Efficiency Maine – six individual classes, about an hour long that are an introductory class consisting of about 20 minutes residential, 20 minutes commercial, and some explanation of where things are headed. Rick Meinking provided data regarding participation - there was a total of 386 attendees, with 186 of them being Architects/Designers and Code Enforcement Officers.

Recently there were training events for Tall Mass Timber and Cannabis, provided by Region 6 of the ICC, made available to New England and New York, with a good portion of attendees being from Maine.

MBOIA has their ongoing conferences of six different disciplines (including energy, ADA, tall wood, residential sprinklers and plans review requirements, with about 118 participants at trainings.

Monday Morning Coffee quizzes are continuing for optional CEUs.

Jeremy Martin mentioned that there is a need for energy code training on renovating existing buildings.

4. Legislative update

Review of recent LD list activity.

5. Previously Unfinished Business

2015 IMC review – AG’s office has already reviewed the document.
It has been suggested to remove dates (book editions) from definitions.

6. Previously New Business

2021 Code Book Format – every board member will be provided a pdf version of the codes, along with a hard copy unless it’s not wanted.

7. Public Comment

Moses Riley, NEEP, inquired about outreach and putting information on the website to help make people aware that the code change is coming. Also looking for an update on stretch code updates – any trainings available or a timeline. Rich provided an update that he has been working with the Governor’s Energy Office to put stuff out there. As far as training on the 2021 code– there is a little bit of money available that can be used towards any training available.

Unfinished Business

2015 IMC review for final action
Code books and PDF ordering
2021 Code review for update

New Business

Quorum requirements – Rich will write up options after legislature is over to get Board input on how to improve the chances of having a quorum to reduce cancelled meetings due to lack of quorum.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 9:00am

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant