

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal (via Zoom)
September 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Michael Sauschuck, Commissioner of Public Safety, Board Chair/ Chair delegate Greg Day

Marc Veilleux,
representing the State Fire
Marshal's Office

Mark Stambach, CEO representing a
Municipality that is not a Service Center
Community

Tom Lister, CEO representing a
Municipality that is a Service Center
Community

Carl Chretien, representing
Residential Builders

Randy Poulton, representing
Commercial Builders

David Matero, representing Maine
Chapter of the American Institute of
Architects

Eric Dube, representing
Structural Engineers

Mike Pullen, representing the Maine
Historic Preservation Commission

Kim Cheslak, Energy Efficiency
Representative

Steve Martel, Mechanical
Engineer

Jay Horr, Lumber Material Dealer

Michael Stoddard, Representing
Efficiency Maine

Staff Present: Paul Demers, Shannon Quintal

1. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
Meeting started at 9:04AM. Quorum confirmed.
Introduction of board members.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to accept the agenda with an added item to include an update from the Governor's Energy Office on a Federal funding opportunity.
Motion by David Matero, second by Mark Stambach
10 in favor, 0 opposed
3. Review and approval of the minutes.
 - A. July 20, 2023 Minutes
Motion to accept minutes as amended with the note on Chapter 1 motion in item #7 that Chapter 1 has not been sent to the Attorney General's Office as voted.
Motion by Carl Chretien, second by Mike Pullen.
8 in favor, 0 opposed, Marc Veilleux and Mark Stambach abstained.
 - B. August 24, 2023 Minutes
Motion to accept minutes as written with amendment to item #7-B to include reference of "IBC Section 1030."
Motion by Randy Poulton,
8 in favor, 0 opposed, Marc Veilleux and Mark Stambach abstained.

Randy Poulton does not feel the concerns of conflict with IBC and NFPA was addressed with the proposed amendment have been resolved and believes the Board needs to take further action.

4. Report from Board Chair:
 - A. Financial Update – \$874,547
 - B. Direction toward final MUBEC action – Item from agenda not discussed.
 - C. Update from Governor’s Energy Office
The Board recognized Ross Anthony, Building and Energy Efficiency Analyst with the Governor’s Energy Office, to speak. Ross Anthony shared details on an announcement that was made earlier in the week by the US Department of Energy on funding to support the latest model energy codes. Eligibility could be impacted by amendments made in rule and further discussion on the topic will be done during the next Energy TAG meeting. Kim Cheslak will send more information to the Board and Energy TAG.
5. Legislative update: No legislative update
6. Staff Report –
 - A. Training Update
 - i. Recent Training- completed the two IEBC webinars with Richard Truitt, with about 90 people in attendance. Paul Demers attended the Midcoast Code Officials event in North Haven and Vinalhaven with counterparts from the Floodplain program, DEP, and Subsurface program doing site tours and hands-on training.
 - ii. Upcoming Training (scheduled)- Glenn Matthewson will complete the second half of the IRC webinar series in October.
 - iii. Future Topics (pending) – looking at doing a more detailed presentation with Rich Truitt.
 - B. Code interpretation – request for unofficial interpretation from a community in Southern Maine asking about insulation of pipes and as it relates to the energy code inside the building envelope. Paul Demers crafted up a response to it and will send the request and response to the Board.
 - C. Training and Education Committee - Eric Dube, Mark Stambach, Randy Poulton, Carl Chretien, and Tom Lister had expressed interest in being part of the Training/Education TAG.

Motion to accept the five named into the education committee.
Motion by David Matero, second by Marc Veilleux
10 in favor, 0 opposed.
 - D. Website Update – some of the links have been updated to function properly. Prior staffing issues have been resolved and should allow for more time focused on continued updating of the content on the website.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Review for final action, Chapters 1, 2 & 4

- i. Chapter 1 – Paul Demers displayed and reviewed the current draft of Chapter 1. Noted changes needed: (Section 6-F) language for Stretch Code reference, (Section 6) “subject to all Maine Amendments contained in these rules” should be added to all applicable items, (Section 13) edit text to “confirm in compliance with MUBEC”, (Section 15) number text and remove references to Uniform Building Code and Maine Uniform Energy Code from language.

Motion for acceptance of Chapter One with the amendments noted.
Motion by Mike Pullen, second by Carl Chretien.
10 in favor, 0 opposed.

- ii. Chapter 2- Paul Demers displayed and reviewed current draft of Chapter 2. Noted changes needed: (Section 1) Add “Effective Date” language, (Section 8) end of last sentence edited to “MUBEC portion of the project.”, (Section 2) authority citation should include Title 25 §2371 et seq.

Motion to approve Chapter 2, as written and as amended during this meeting.
Motion by Randy Poulton, second by Steve Martel
9 in favor, 0 opposed, Kim Cheslak unavailable at the time of vote.

- iii. Chapter 4 – Paul Demers displayed and reviewed Chapter 4 draft. Edits made during review. Changes made: Effective date text revised to “The effective date of this Chapter is 90 days after approval by the Commissioner of Public Safety.” and added to Section 1 and removed from Section 2.

Motion to accept Chapter 4 as amended.
Motion by Mike Pullen, second by Mark Stambach.
7 in favor, 0 opposed, Kim Cheslak abstained, Marc Veilleux and Carl Chretien not present.

- B. Review Chapter 3 rule making language - discuss Appendix N and O
Paul Demers displays and reviewed Chapter 3 draft. Edits made at the time of review.
Additional changes needed: numbering needs correction, revisit #26 and #27 (question on wording context and editions/versions referenced)
Due to time, Chapter 3 review to be completed at next meeting.

C. Review Chapter 7 (status) – anticipated review in one of the October meetings.

D. Review Chapter 6 (status) – anticipated review in one of the October meetings.

8. New Business/Code Update:

A. Schedule TAG meetings for additional Chapter as necessary. – Energy TAG scheduled for next week. Will look at needs for IMC TAG.

9. Public Comments:

Greg Gilbert requested the information on the Federal funding opportunity to research prior to the TAG meeting discussion.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Motion for adjournment.

Motion by Kim Cheslak, second by Mark Stambach

7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant