

Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Safety, Office of State Fire Marshal (via Zoom)
February 15, 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 | <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: Paul Demers, Shannon Quintal

1. Call to Order – Determination of Quorum
Meeting started at 9:05AM. Quorum confirmed.
Introduction of board members.
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as written.
Motion by Randy Poulton, second by Steve Martel.
10 in favor, 0 opposed.
3. Review and approval of the minutes:
 - A. Nov. 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes –
Motion to accept the November 2, 2023 minutes.
Motion by Steve Martel, second by Mark Stambach.
7 in favor, 0 opposed, Mike Pullen and Jay Horr abstained, Carl Chretien unavailable for vote.
 - B. Nov. 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes-
Motion to accept November 30, 2023 minutes as prepared.
Motion by Mike Pullen, second by Steve Martel
9 in favor, 0 opposed, Jay Horr abstained.
 - C. January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Deferred to next meeting.
 - D. January 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Deferred to next meeting.
4. Report from Board Chair:
 - A. Financial Update – No update available for this meeting.
5. Legislative update:
 - A. Current Legislative session update – update provided on current status of known bills of interest.
-LD2053 – Concern expressed over LD2053 and that its written as an exception from MUBEC, not specific the energy portion only. Request if it's possible for the Office of State Fire Marshal to write a letter or amend the Legislative report letter – Greg Day will check on options.

-LD207 - being received by the Criminal Justice committee today, once approved, a copy will be sent to the Board.

6. Staff Report:

A. Recent training update –

- Sponsored a joint session with DEP Shoreland Unit, NRPA unit, Floodplain Management, and Army Corps in relation to all the recent storm damage providing code officials with an opportunity to ask questions. About 100 people attended.
- Currently working on scheduling training for a plans review class and a new LPI class.

B. Custom Codes report/estimate – Paul Demers shared the breakdown of cost estimate for ICC to host a Maine specific custom code. Estimate does not include stretch code. Paul Demers will work on clarification the Board had on long-term access and internal discussion on funding.

C. Regional Code enforcement BRIC grant request- Regional Planning commissions and Region Councils of Government have joined together to submit a BRIC grant request to support funding of six new code officials.

D. Community College program update – First session of the program is anticipated to start in April, with another around October. ICC has provided the curriculum for the B-1 Exam.

7. Unfinished Business:

A. Review Overall MUBEC update Status –

- Chapter 1, 2 and 4 have been posted for public comment, which closes March 4. Chapter 2 had some errors in the wording on the posting. The office is working with Kent Avery on correction, may result in need to repost.
- Chapter 3, 5 and 7 are in preliminary review by Kent Avery before going to public comment.
- Chapter 6 base code being prepared for preliminary review. Chapter 6 Stretch Code still requires editing. The Office of State Fire Marshal is working with ICC on a copyright agreement for content within the Stretch Code.

8. New Business:

A. Filling vacant seat (Energy) – The Office of State Fire Marshal has scheduled a meeting with Dan Burgess from the Governor's Energy Office on replacement for the Energy seat on the Board and guidance on proceeding with vacant seat.

B. Randy Poulton has requested to add the TPI Certification process as a standing agenda item until it is reviewed for potential to make the certification process more stringent.

9. Public Comments:

Greg Gilbert – Expressed concerns over LD2053 being vague on structures, possibly allowing more significant structures than intended. Inquired on the ability of the Board or office to make a statement regarding concerns.

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Carl Chretien, second by Mark Stambach.

10 in favor, 0 opposed

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Quintal, Administrative Assistant