

**Combined “Special” Building Codes Structures Board and Mechanical  
Board meeting**

**Meeting minutes**

**April 22, 2009**

**BCSB members present:** Martin Brown, Vice-chairman  
Chris Davis *teleconference*  
Terry Dieter  
Rene Gonzalez  
Eric McMullen  
Thomas Sjostrom  
Bill Wellard  
Steven Wood

**Members absent:** Bruce Dobbs

**Mechanical members present:** Terry Hurst, Chairman  
Guy Sperb, Vice-chairman  
James Culbertson  
David Duncan *arrived at 9:40 a.m.*  
Bill Hansen  
Bradley Wright

**Members absent:** James Klopfenstein

**Staff present:** Mark Long, administrator  
Chris Huntington, policy and technical services manager  
Richard Rogers, structural program chief  
Micheal Ewert, mechanical/residential code  
Jim Hanson, policy analyst  
Shane Sumption, fire, life safety/ADA specialist  
Shauna Parker, rules coordinator  
Debi Barnes-Woods, division boards coordinator

**Guests Present:** Brian Krieg, SMACNA, PMCA, Local 16  
Lora Sauermann, Chemeketa/McMinnville Fire  
James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness  
John Caul, Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office  
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy

## **I. Board business**

### **A. Call to order**

Manager of Policy and Technical Services Section Chris Huntington called the combined “Special” Building Codes Structures Board and Mechanical Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Building Codes Division, Conference Room “A,” 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

Manager Huntington asked the members of both boards to introduce themselves and state their position on the board.

### **B. Roll call**

Bruce Dobbs, Building Codes Structures Board, was absent excused. James Klopfenstein, Mechanical Board was absent excused. David Duncan, Mechanical Board, arrived at 9:40 a.m.

### **C. Approval of agenda and order of business**

Both the Chairman of the Building Codes Structures Board and the Mechanical Board **RULED** the agenda approved as submitted.

The agenda was **RULED** approved as submitted.

### **D. Approval of the board meeting minutes**

#### **1. Building Codes Structures Board meeting minutes of November 5, 2008**

Martin Brown, Vice-chairman of the Building Codes Structures Board **RULED** the November 5, 2008 minutes approved.

#### **2. Mechanical Board meeting minutes of December 3, 2008**

Terry Hurst, Chairman of the Mechanical Board **RULED** the December 3, 2008 minutes approved.

### **E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting**

#### **1. Building Codes Structures Board – May 6, 2009**

This meeting date will be re-scheduled to another date preferably in July.

#### **2. Mechanical Board – June 3, 2009**

## **II. Public comment**

James Bela, president and founder of Earth Quake Awareness, noted that a problem with past code adoptions has been that the entire model code language has not been preserved. He noted that any amendments need to be on stand-alone inserts so the user can see both amendment and model code text.

## **III. Reports**

### **A. Building Codes Division report**

Manager of Policy and Technical Services [Chris Huntington](#) addressed the contents of the [BCD Update](#) packet. He noted that most of the rulemaking activities became effective January 1, 2009.

Manager Huntington highlighted the code amendment to the Oregon Residential Structures Specialty Code related to Section R703.1. That issue will be going back to the Residential Structures Board in July.

Manager Huntington noted that the Division continues development of the full service ePermitting system. Once development is complete the system will be a one-stop online venue for permit and building inspection services.

Vice-chairman Brown was concerned about the revenue related to the 10-year plan for the new ePermitting system and getting jurisdictions on board.

Manager Huntington noted that the economy has slowed down the process but the division is still on track with the project and is anticipating getting the first jurisdiction on board in late 2009.

Manager Huntington spoke briefly on the Green Building Services section at the division. The section will be focusing on energy conservation in buildings.

The recently created Commercial Energy Conservation Advisory Committee has met several times. [Member's names](#) and who they represent was briefly discussed.

The [Governor's Executive Order No. 09-06](#) establishes the Oregon Way Advisory Group to assist in reviewing and prioritizing stimulus grant applications.

Vice-chairman of the Building Codes Structures Board Martin Brown questioned a bill in legislation that will possibly merge some division boards.

Administrator Long noted that there are a series of amendments through Legislative Counsel that would create an Energy Board that would have no fiscal impact on the division. He noted that energy provisions are adopted through the Building Codes Structures Board. A single point of decision-making is the division's interest in creating a new board. The bill is currently scheduled for a hearing.

#### **B. Program update**

This item will be discussed under the communications item.

#### **IV. Communications**

Manager Huntington introduced Jim Hanson as being a new policy analyst for the division. Mr. Hanson has worked for the division in the past and is familiar with the policy and technical services section.

Manager Huntington discussed the [timeline and the process](#) of the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code and Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code. He noted that

the committee membership is expected to be completed by the end of April. He noted that the deadline for submitting code proposals is May 21, 2009.

The tentative date of the first committee meeting is the beginning of May, prior to the deadline date for receiving code proposals. The committee work is expected to be completed by August of 2009. The energy code proposals will also be before the boards' in August and September.

**A. Introduction to the 2010 Oregon Structural Specialty Code process**

Structural Program Chief Richard Rogers noted some changes of interest: Allowable Areas in the International Building Code, significant changes to High rise, and he also noted that moving the IEBC to Chapter 34 will be a challenge.

**B. Introduction to the 2010 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code process**

Micheal Ewert, mechanical/residential code specialist, noted some changes of interest: Chapter 4 has been rewritten to mimic ASHRAE 62 using the 2004 Edition, and Chapter 7 has been deleted.

***Public testimony***

James Bela, president and founder of Oregon Earthquake Awareness, reminded the two boards that it is important to request documentation of what changes are being made to the code.

**C. Update on amendment proposal process for energy efficiency in commercial buildings**

Manager Huntington noted that the group is taking a comprehensive approach on seeking out energy efficiencies in all codes. The committee will advise the division on proposed code changes related to the energy efficiency of commercial buildings. The division will then take the information and input from the committee and develop a proposal to submit to one or more advisory boards for review and adoption around August or September 2009. Code and interim amendments to other codes will be adopted for use beginning April 1, 2010.

Terry Hurst, Chairman of the Mechanical Board noted that he is in favor of model code language but is a supporter of Oregon amendments.

**V. Appeals** - None

**VI. Unfinished business** - None

**VII. New Business** – None

**VII. Announcements** – None

**VIII. Adjournment**

Both the boards adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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