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**STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL**

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**STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

**LOCATION:** The meeting was held via Zoom.

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, June 29, 2022

**Members in Attendance:** Tony Doan, Council Chair; Daimon Doyle, Vice Chair; Kjell Anderson; Jay Arnold; Todd Beyreuther; Micah Chappell; Al French; Bob Hamlin; Roger Heeringa; Matthew Hepner; Pete Rieke; Katy Sheehan; Caroline Traube; Corey Wilker; Representative Larry Hoff; Representative Alex Ramel; Senator John Lovick; Senator Lynda Wilson

**Members Absent:** Craig Holt

**Staff In Attendance:** Stoyan Bumbalov, Managing Director; Dave Merchant, Assistant Attorney General; Krista Braaksma; Annette Haworth

**Visitors Present:** Representative David Hackney, Bryan Ahee, Todd Allred, Larry Andrews, Tim Attebery, Kim Barker, Rob Barker, Terry Beals, Nancy Bernard, Ken Brouillette, Charlie Brown, Elliott Brown, Ian Casey, Pamela Colley, Greg Davenport, Sean Denniston, Beth Doglio, Sophie Doumit, Kevin Duell, Travis Dutton, Brian Emanuels, Mike Fowler, John Frankel, Virginia Hall, Traci Harvey, Patrick Hayes, Jim Hedemark, Gary Heikkinen, Daniel Himebaugh, Darin Homchick, Luke Howard, Harshad Inamdar, Diane Jakobs, Jonathan Jones, Dan Kirschner, Paul Knox, Jonny Kocher, Rachel Koller, Carolyn Logue, Michael Lubliner, Donald MacOdrum, Jeanette McKague, Ryan Mello, Matt Miller, Dave Nakagawara, Scott Novak, Sam Olson, Craig Olson, Lisa Parshley, Scott Peterson, Kathleen Petrie, Dylan Plummer, Eric Pravitz, Liz Reichart, Christine Reid, Tena Risley, Brian Rogers, Max Sabashinsky, Melissa Santos, Richartz Sandra, Ray Shipman, Andrea Smith, Tom Smithson, Alyn Spector, K Stevenson, Tammie Sueirro, Steve Tapio, Gavin Tenold, Kelly Thomas, Tony Usibelli, Eric Vander Mey, Amy Wheelless, Dan Wildenhaus, Jeni Woock, Tom Young

Agenda Items	Committee Actions/Discussion
1. Welcome and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Council Chair, Tony Doan. Everyone was welcomed and roll was called. A quorum was present. Tony Doan announced that he would need to leave the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
2. Review Code Change Proposals for Group 2 Codes	Stoyan Bumbalov, Managing Director, noted he had sent the Council documents pertaining to the procedures as he had received several inquiries. He then provided information pertaining

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to the code adoption procedure, specifically reviewing code change proposals, TAG recommendations, Standing Committee recommendations, and Council approval of code change proposals. He also clarified that after the Council approves the proposals to be included in the CR-102, Public Hearings will be held in September and October, in addition to the public comment period, all testimony will be reviewed by the Council in a work session.

**Motion:** Caroline Traube moved to accept the Residential Energy Code Change Proposals, as recommended by the MVE Committee, Katy Sheehan seconded, and the motion passed 9 to 3.

Kjell Anderson, Energy Code TAG Chair and MVE Committee Chair, reviewed the proposals noting action taken by both the Energy Code TAG and MVE Committee. He highlighted proposals 21-GP2-084, 079, 088, 065, 032, 049, 066, 089, 013, 014, 080, 070, 073, 022, and 024 and noted the vote count of the MVE Committee for these proposals. He then spoke in favor of moving the proposals forward for further discussion and public comment period.

Council held discussion on the proposals and the motion with some speaking in favor of the motion and some speaking against the motion. There was discussion held on the life cycle costs.

Council held further discussion regarding the amount of work that had been done to address the economic and equity analysis with some members thinking enough work had been completed to continue on with public comment and some members thinking enough work hadn't been completed and should not move forward for public comment.

David Merchant, Assistant Attorney General, responded that some work had been completed on the equity and economic analysis and this would be a subject of debate among the Council as to whether enough work had been completed or not.

**Motion:** Kjell Anderson moved to amend the motion made by Caroline Traube by amending Table R405, as presented, to make the baseline heating and service water heating systems be the same system in each case, Pete Rieke seconded, and the motion passed 9 to 3.

Council held discussion on the amended motion and Kjell Anderson provided further explanation of his suggested amendment.

Public comment was heard, allowing each speaker 90 seconds to make their comments. There were comments in favor of moving the proposals forward for further public comment and comments opposing some of the proposals.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMC / IFGC</li> </ul>	<p>Council held further discussion on the amended motion with some members against the amendment and some in favor of the amendment. Kjell Anderson provided further explanation of his amendment.</p> <p>Caroline Traube, IMC TAG Chair, reviewed the TAG's process and the IMC Code Change Proposals and highlighted proposals 21-GP2-086, 062 and 063. She also reviewed the IMC TAG and the MVE Committee's recommendations.</p> <p>Council held discussion on the motion, with clarifying questions asked and answered by Caroline Traube.</p> <p>Public comment was heard with most in favor of moving the IMC Code Change Proposals forward. Some members of the public noted they also submitted their opinions in writing.</p> <p>Larry Andrews spoke in opposition of moving proposals 21-GP2-026 and 098 forward.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Caroline Traube moved to accept the Mechanical Code Change Proposals, as recommended by the MVE Committee, Jay Arnold seconded, and the motion passed 12 to 0.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UPC</li> </ul>	<p>Corey Wilker, UPC TAG Chair, noted the UPC Code Change Proposals that were accepted by the BFP Committee were discussed at the previous Council meeting, on June 17, and discussion on proposal 21-GP2-057 would be held today.</p> <p>Corey Wilker noted he emailed documentation to the Council which related to his stand on proposal 21-GP2-057. He stated there were health implications when using the air admittance valve. He then reviewed Chapter 9, Section 913.0 – Air Admittance Valves, as he spoke against the BFP Committee's action of overturning the TAG's recommendation to reject the proposal.</p> <p>The Council held discussion on proposal 21-GP2-057. Clarifying questions were asked and answered regarding plumbing processes used and alternative means and methods.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Corey Wilker moved to overturn the BFP Committee's decision to disagree with the TAG's recommendation of disapproving proposal 21-GP2-057, Al French seconded, and the motion failed 6 to 7 with 1 abstention.</p> <p>Corey Wilker spoke to the motion and cited sections in Chapter 9 of the Uniformed Plumbing Code. Council held further discussion on the motion with several members wanting to move this forward for additional public comment.</p> <p>Public comment was heard with one speaker indicating air admittance valves should not be used in new construction and one speaker in agreement with the TAG's recommendation to reject the proposal.</p>

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**Motion:** Daimon Doyle moved to accept the Plumbing Code Change Proposals, as recommended by the BFP Committee, with the appendix included as a pre-approved local amendment, Micah Chappell seconded, and the motion passed 12 to 1.

Council held discussion on proposal 21-GP2-057 being in the Appendix and how that would pertain to the UPC rules and processes for local jurisdictions.

Krista Braaksma, SBCC Staff, provided the Council with the three options when creating or adopting an Appendix.

- 1) Appendix included in the adoption of the Code.
- 2) Appendix included as a pre-approved local amendment would not need to come to the Council for approval.
- 3) Straightforward appendix which if adopted by a local jurisdiction and has impact on residential construction, would need to come to the Council for approval.

Tony Doan, WUIC TAG Chair, reviewed the WUIC Code Change Proposals and noted the TAG's process and recommendation to disapprove proposals 21-GP2-059 and 060. He then noted the BFP Committee's action to disagree with the TAG recommendation.

Micah Chappell noted he was in favor of both proposals moving forward for public comment to allow for additional information and more time to consider these two proposals as both the TAG and the BFP Committee had very limited time to review and discuss these proposals.

Tony Doan, Council Chair, announced he had to leave the meeting and Vice Chair, Daimon Doyle became acting Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Council members held discussion regarding proposals 21-GP2-059 and 060 and most were in favor of moving forward for public comment.

Public comment was heard. It was noted the WUIC TAG had very limited time to review the proposals and the public comments were in favor of moving proposals 21-GP2-059 and 060 forward to allow for additional review and additional public comment. A clarifying question pertaining to the Finding of Facts, Appendix E was asked and answered.

Stoyan Bumbalov reviewed the actions taken regarding the WUIC. He clarified that the WUI Code was previously in the fire code as an appendix, which was repealed by the Council with an emergency rule. The intent is to adopt the WUI Code as a stand-alone code with a new WAC number.

**Motion:** Micah Chappell moved to accept the Wildland Urban Interface Code Change Proposals, as recommended by the BFP Committee, Bob Hamlin seconded, and the motion passed 12 to 0.

<p>3. Request for Emergency Rule – Proposed Temporary Heat Pump Efficiency Reduction</p>	<p>Daimon Doyle reviewed the request for Emergency Rule – Proposed Temporary Heat Pump Efficiency Reduction.</p> <p>Kjell Anderson spoke in support of the request with some modifications to the options listed, which he asked to be numbered 1-5 instead of listing them as bullet points.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Kjell Anderson moved to adopt the Emergency Rule, as modified, and enter into Permanent Rule Making, Micah Chappell seconded, and the motion passed 11 to 0.</p> <p>Council members held discussion on the motion and asked clarifying questions which were answered.</p> <p>Carolyn Logue, proponent, spoke to the request for Emergency Rule and indicated she was in support of the motion.</p>
<p>4. Other Business</p>	<p>Micah Chappell thanked all those participating on the WUIC meetings and encouraged the continuation of feedback.</p> <p>Stoyan Bumbalov talked about the Cost Benefit Analysis for the Residential Energy Code and asked Council for their input before moving forward to contract with a third-party entity. He reviewed the options available for Staff and Council. He noted he was conferring with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Council members provided feedback and asked questions about the process, which Stoyan Bumbalov answered. There was further discussion about the process and how to better the process, moving forward.</p>
<p>5. Staff Report</p>	<p>Stoyan Bumbalov shared with Council the status of filing of the Codes. He also advised Council there is required training for Council members pursuant to RCW 42.30 - Open Public Meetings Act Training. He will have more information at the September Council meeting.</p> <p>In response to Council questions, Stoyan Bumbalov shared the status of interviewing and hiring SBCC staff and reviewed the process for updating documents through the International Code Council.</p> <p>Stoyan Bumbalov also asked Council and the public to please be considerate of staff's time by providing documents as early as possible to be posted on the website, for SBCC meetings.</p>
<p>6. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.</p>