

**SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Hodge, Chairman
Gregory P. Parsons
Kenneth Padgett
Lloyd Schumann
Ernest F. Dorsey
Gable D. Stubbs
Van M. McAlister
Frank Hill
Mike Thomas
James A. Ham, Jr.
Wendell Davis
Thomas Brock
Richard Sandler
Douglas Darby

MEMBERS ABSENT

William T. McDowell, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Wiggins
Jennie Meade
Sharon Dantzler

OTHERS PRESENT

Harold Woodside	John Wasson Jr.	Richard A. Spruce
Ron Calsing	John S, Long	Billy Kennett
Steve Landrith	Bruce Boulineau	Gerald Poss
Sam Pruett	Palmer Gourdin	Julian Barton
Billy Sawyer	Paul LaVene	Angela Griffin
Darbis Briggman	Georgia Toney	Robert Yarnall
Michael Robinson	Buddy Bush	James Whittaker
Channon Chambers	Michael Allen	Sonny DuBose
Ward Braswell	John Humphries	

1. NOTE: The Notice and Agenda for the August 27, 2003 meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council were posted in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 amended Code, relating to the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Call to Order

The February 23, 2005 meeting of the S. C. Building Codes Council was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman Frank Hodge.

3. Election of Officers

Chairman Hodge turned the meeting over to Mr. Gary Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Lloyd Schumann made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Ken Padgett nominating Frank Hodge. There were no other nominations and the vote was called. Mr. Hodge was elected unanimously. Mr. Wiggins returned the meeting to Chairman Hodge who asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Van McAlister made a motion that

was seconded by Mr. Earnest Dorsey nominating Mr. Greg Parsons. Chairman Hodge called for the vote as no other nominations were made. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hodge asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Parsons made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Padgett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hodge asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 4, 2004 meeting. Mr. Richard Sandler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schumann and passed unanimously.

6. Introduction of New Member

Chairman Hodge introduced Mr. Douglas O. Darby to Council. Mr. Darby serves as the Public Member.

7. Approval/Disapproval for Absent Members

Chairman Hodge inquired about the absent member. Chief William McDowell had a death in his family. A vote was not necessary for this excused absence. Mr. Sandler inquired as to the status with Mr. Witherspoon. Chairman Hodge responded that he had written a letter to the Governor's office requesting a replacement for Mr. Witherspoon as he had three consecutive unexcused absences.

8. Old Business

A. IBC – Chapter 17 – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins stated that at the last Council meeting there were questions concerning the qualifications of special inspectors that caused the issue to be returned to the committee for clarification. Mr. Wiggins said that the committee reviewed and modified the document and asked Mr. Parsons to comment further. After much discussion Council was concerned that the document contained language that made the document appear mandatory. Council asked that the committee that was working on the document remove the questioned language and make the document more generic. A motion was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Sandler, to send the document back to the committee, for the purpose of removing all mandatory language. The vote was unanimous.

B. Regulation Update – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins who stated that the Council's statute and regulations were updated. He said that the members books contained the current versions. Mr. Wiggins also stated that the emergency regulations that Council authorized had cleared the Senate and was headed to the House LCI committee.

9. New Business

A. Review of the 2002 Code Modifications – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins who stated that Senate Bill 131 was moving rather quickly and should be law before the emergency regulations ninety-day time period expired. He said staff prepared a chart showing how that legislation will affect the modifications that were made to the 2000 codes. He went on to say, the way the language is structured in Bill 131 is that once passed, the law will actually incorporate modifications going back to the 2000 code change cycle into the

2003 code change cycle. Mr. Wiggins said some modifications will be carried over, while others will not. He said the reason being was that when Council adopted the 2003 codes, it established the implementation date for all the codes except the Residential and the Fuel Gas to be January 1, 2005. He went on to say, due to modifications, implementation for the Residential and the Fuel Gas codes was established as July 1, 2005. Mr. Wiggins said all codes that had gone into affect prior to 131 passing (with the exception of the five items held by the emergency regulations) fell under the existing law and would not be affected.

B. Introduction of the 2005 NEC – Mr. Wiggins was recognized by Chairman Hodge. Mr. Wiggins stated that staff had received a copy of the 2005 National Electric Code and was ready to start the process of adoption. He went on to say the process will include; a notice of intent to adopt be placed in the State Register; notification to the industry for a six-month period; and reactivation of the study committee. Mr. Thomas Brock made the motion to go forward with the process to adopt the 2005 NEC. Mr. Frank Hill made the second. After much discussion the vote was called and was unanimous.

C. Disciplinary Actions – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Charie Ido from LLR's Office of Investigation and Enforcement. Mr. Ido described the newly formed group that has assumed the responsibilities and duties of the investigation areas of all boards. He explained the Investigative Review Committee actions and the people involved. He mentioned the Report of Building Codes Investigative Review Committee Meeting that was in the Council members books. After Mr. Ido's presentation, Mr. Wiggins addressed the report. Mr. Brock made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Investigative Review Committee and Mr. Dorsey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

D. Request for a Local Code Amendment – City of Conway, Billy J. Sawyer – Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Billy J. Sawyer, Building Official for the City of Conway, who was representing the City. Mr. Sawyer requested the city be allowed to reinstate of all sections affected by the seismic/internal pressures section of the 2000 IRC, that were placed in moratorium by the Council. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Dorsey. The vote was unanimous.

E. Review of Meeting Dates for 2005 – Chairman Hodge recommend that the November date be changed. November 9 was recommended and accepted by Council for the replacement date of the Council meeting.

F. Statement of Economic Interests – Reminder – Chairman Hodge reminded all Council members to file their statements in a timely manner.

10. Public Comments

Chairman Hodge mentioned that Mr. Bill Tangye, the deceased CEO of ICC, was to be inducted into the National Association of Home Builders Hall of Fame. He also pointed out that Mr. Tangye was inducted last year into the South Carolina NAHB Hall of Fame.

Mr. Bruce Boulineau stated that all of the Council members should attend the ICC code hearings. He went on to say that if attendance was not possible, the hearings could be viewed on the Internet.

11. Date of next Meeting

May 25, 2005

12. Adjournment