



State of Connecticut
DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
Division of Fire and Building Services
Office of Education and Data Management

**JOINT TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING
BUILDING CODE TRAINING COUNCIL AND FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING COUNCIL**

January 5, 2012 Minutes

Chairman Loos called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members present:

Building Members Mary Ann Basile, Joe Cassidy, Bob Kiely, Dan Loos (Chair), Tom Manning, Henry Miga, Mike Musco, Eric Schoomaker, Dan Tierney

Fire Members Stephanie Cummings, Don Harwood, Rev. Ed Hyland (Chair), Victor Mitchell, Jeff Morrissette, Robert Ross, Robert Upson

Office of Education and Data Management Bonnie Becker, Doug Schanne,
Gary Thorstenson, Mike Gilbertie

Recording Secretary was Joanne Cavaiuolo from the Office of the State Building Inspector.

Member introductions were provided by both councils. A quorum was present.

There were no communications.

Approval of January 6, 2011 Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor. Morrissette, Miga and Harwood abstained. The motion was carried.

The meeting began with **Staff Reports**.

OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT (OEDM)

Bonnie Becker reported that OEDM met their 2011 goal of providing an equivalent level of training and administrative support within the confines of reduced staff and budgetary constraints, including the absence of a Unit Director since 2008. A lengthy discussion followed.

A synopsis of the Pre-Certification Program was given by Mike Gilbertie, OEDM trainer. Gary Thorstenson, OEDM trainer, gave an overview of the Fire Investigator Program.



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Motion was made to commend the OEDM Fire Trainers for the work they do. Motion was seconded. The subcommittee advised it would do its best to support the program. All in favor. No abstentions. Motion was carried.

Doug Schanne gave an overview of the Pre-Licensure Program.

A discussion was held regarding alternative sources of support such as private industry, mentorship programs, internet courses, International Code Council, University of New Haven, grants and energy conservation funding. Currently OEDM does not offer evening or internet courses. This is creating a significant problem as potential participants do not have management support to attend daytime classes. An example was given of a building official and 5-4 co-workers willing to self-pay all expenses to attend a disaster training class but management would approve only one two participant to attend.

A discussion was held regarding the Connecticut General Statutes and the requirement for 90 hours of Continuing Education for Building Official licensure.

OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Robert Ross advised that due to reorganization his position as Director of the Division of Fire, Emergency and Building Services was eliminated. As of November 17, 2011 he is the State Fire Marshal and like private sector, is faced with the challenge of doing more with less staff and funding.

OFFICE OF STATE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Joe Cassidy advised that the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code went into effect in October 2011. The 2009 International Residential Code should be going to Regulations Review shortly. OEDM has already done training on these codes. Review of the 2012 International Code Council's family of codes will begin this month with an anticipated adoption date sometime in 2014. This will require a full training program to address code changes.



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Specific requests he presented to the Joint Committee were:

1. A module on ground source heat pump installations.
2. A refresher module on demolition permitting process to possibly include awareness of hazardous materials survey requirements, contractor licensing and process delineated in statute.

The meeting then moved to **Old Business**.

Rev. Hyland reviewed both council's activities— including combining the building and fire training councils into joint meetings. Don Harwood reported for the Sub-committee, including a recommendation that a private company perform a comprehensive feasibility study regarding the number of credit hours in relation to other state's requirements and other professions, municipal CEO's attitudes toward continuing education, alternative training delivery systems, etc. Because current staff are unable to take on additional responsibilities, possibly an independent task force should be considered to perform the study. This may be cost prohibitive as the cost increases relative to the number of sites reviewed.

The meeting then moved to **New Business**.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the FY 2012-2012 Training Program. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Motion was carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Joint Council Meeting Schedule for 2012:

January 5, 2012	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
May 3, 2012	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
October 4, 2012	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meetings would be held at 1111 Country Club Road, Room 348, Middletown, Connecticut. Specific committee issues could meet separately. Motion was made and seconded to approve consolidation of the Building Code Training Code Council and the Fire Marshal Training Council into 3 meetings. Review of statute shall be done to confirm committees would be in compliance with statute; Building Code Training Council has no requirement but Fire Code Training Council will research the issue. All in favor. None opposed. Motion was carried.



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Confirmation of next meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dan Loos".

Dan Loos, Chair
Building Code Training Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Edward Hyland".

Rev. Edward Hyland, Chair
Fire Marshal Training Council

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