

State Codes and Standards Committee
Codes Amendment Subcommittee
Minutes

April 8, 2009

The Chairman called to order the special meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the State Codes and Standards Committee. The meeting was held in the third floor conference room (room 348) at 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, Connecticut.

In Attendance: Louis Free, Chair
John Butkus
Robert Hanbury
Roger Langlois
Henry Miga
Andrew Rizzo
Marjorie Shansky
Michael Sinsigalli

Also present: Lisa Humble, OSBI
Janet K. Ainsworth, Esq., DPS Legal Affairs
Diane Harp Jones, AIA Connecticut
Lois Roberts, P.E., ACEC/CT
Frank Sacramone, Jr., Esq., Pat Munger Construction Co., Inc.
Frederick Wajcs, CL&P, C&LM

The subcommittee voted to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting. The subcommittee will consider the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting at the April 22, 2009 meeting.

Chairman Louis Free discussed whether the requirements of section 29-256a of the Connecticut General Statutes may be met in their entirety by adoption of the 2009 ICC codes and whether the focus should be on a complete, albeit expedited, revision of the State Building Code, rather than a second amendment to the 2005 State Building Code. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 requires that 90 percent of all new and renovated buildings comply with the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code within eight years. This requirement may preclude waiting until 2010 or 2011 before adopting the 2009 ICC codes. Adopting only the 2009 IECC now leaves open the possibility of conflicts or omissions with the other ICC codes that are adopted by reference within the State Building Code. The consensus of the committee was to move

forward with the intent to adopt the entire 2009 ICC family of codes and the 2009 NFPA 101 for existing buildings with minimal Connecticut revisions and seek an expedited state approval process.

The committee reviewed proposed position statements prepared by Henry Miga, Frederick Wajcs and State Building Inspector Lisa R. Humble. An electronic copy of the Wajcs paper will be circulated. Committee members will make comments regarding the Miga paper for the next meeting.

Additional research to be conducted is as follows: sustainable sites, Marjorie Shansky; water efficiency, Roger Langlois; indoor environmental quality, Henry Miga/Michael Musco; materials and resources, Donald Harwood.

The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2009 in Room 348 between 2 and 4 p.m.

/s/ _____
Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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