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Minutes of 11/7/2023

Board Members	Andrew Bick, Chair	Division	Sam Zahorka Executive Officer
Present:	John Cotner	Staff:	Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
	Kent Soelberg		Renee Bryant, Board Support Supervisor
	Kelly Daniels		
	Justin Goodwin		
	Tyler Drechsel		
	Jon Laux		
	Jeremy Maxand		
	Luke Kilcup		
	Nick Guho		

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM (MT) by Chairman Andrew Bick.

APPROVAL OF 08/01/2023 MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 1, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Comment: Executive Officer Sam Zahorka addressed written comments by David P. Tyree, American Wood Council; Theresa Drake, Idaho Power; Nick Budd, AeroBarrier/ Guaranteed Air Sealing; proposed edits by Jason Blais, City of Boise; and Jason Blais and Kathy Griesmyer, City of Boise. The public comments will be sent to the Board Members and industry.

Vote to go from Proposed to Pending (ZBR) – IDAPA 24.39.30 Rules of Building Safety (Building Code Rules): There were no new changes to the proposed rules and no comments from the Board. A motion was made and seconded to move the proposed rules, IDAPA 24.39.30, into pending status for review at the 2024 Legislature. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Discuss 2021 International Residential Code (IRC) and International Building Code (IBC) Significant Changes: Chairman Bick has reviewed the significant changes in the 2021 IRC and IBC, stating there are very minimal changes the Board needs to take into consideration.

Books on the significant changes in the 2021 IRC and IBC have been purchased for each board member. Executive Officer Sam Zahorka will deliver a PowerPoint presentation on those changes at the next Board meeting.

Board Member Luke Kilcup suggested, and Executive Officer Zahorka agreed, to create a PowerPoint presentation on the significant changes to the 2024 IRC and IBC once available and bring to a future meeting.

Review and Discuss 2021 IRC and IBC Significant Changes: This subject was briefly discussed under the topic “Review and Discuss 2021 International Residential Code (IRC) and International Building Code (IBC) Significant Changes”.

2024 Meeting Dates: The following meeting dates, to commence at 9:00 a.m. M.T., were accepted by the Board: February 20, April 16 (60 days apart), June 18 (60 days apart), August 20 (tentative & 60 days apart), and October 22.

DOPL Executive Agency Legislation Review: A summary of draft proposals by DOPL was provided and will go before the 2024 Legislature. Two proposals that may affect the Board are: 1) Licensure Renewals, a biennial licensure renewal (unless already more than two years) with an expiration date to the birth month of the licensee or, for entities, the birth month of the licensee’s owner or designee; and 2) Public Works License Exemption, allow for an exemption from licensure for subcontractors performing work on a project managed by a licensed public works contractor when the value of the subcontracted work is less than \$100,000. It also eliminates the category of Class D licensure.

There is concern of a conflict between the two year license renewal and Public Works yearly renewals as Public Works licenses are based on an individual’s financial capability, and a financial statement is mandatory every year, not every two years. Legal Counsel Lea Kear will take a closer look at the newly adopted rules.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Building Program Report: Executive Officer Zahorka provided a verbal update on the Building Program Report; i.e., two new building inspectors, one new permit technician, new BCRE Trades Director, permitting software system being built, website update completed, applications now fillable PDFs, and new telephone tree with a direct option to the Building Industrial Safety Program for permitting, plan review, and inspection assistance.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. 02/09/2024/krb