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Negotiated Rulemaking Public Hearing Minutes of 10/15/2025

Division Staff Justin Touchstone, Executive Officer
Present: Sean Courtright, Building Program Manager
Kolby Reddish, Lead Legal Counsel
Gus Tate, Legal Counsel
Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MT by Executive Officer (EO) Justin Touchstone.

This was a public hearing to provide the opportunity to comment on the proposed [IDAPA 24.39.30 – Rules of Building Safety \(Building Code Rules\)](#).

Public Comments: Jason Vandever with the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association suggested including the 2024 new line item for Continuous Insulation in tables R402.1.2 and R402.1.3 of the International Energy Conservation Code and will submit a written comment on that suggestion to EO Touchstone.

Jason Blais with the City of Boise noted that he submitted written comment to EO Touchstone, which outlined possible amendments for taller multifamily buildings made with wood frames and the additional safety requirements associated. EO Touchstone shared that he received Mr. Blais' comments and forwarded them to Idaho State Fire Marshall Knute Sandahl for review. EO Touchstone confirmed that this topic will be discussed at the next Building Code Board Meeting.

Ken Burgess stated that he will submit written comment before the next meeting. His comments will include recommendations for the snow loads in Climate Zone 6, adopting Accessory Dwelling Units appendices, heat detector requirements in garages to address Lithium-Ion battery concerns and suggested energy code adoptions. Mr. Burgess also expressed support for the list of proposed items in lieu of a blower door test as presented at a previous meeting. Mr. Blais added that the adoption of accessory dwelling units works well with the Tiny Home Appendix, but also noted that the newer appendices include a blower door test which may need to be reviewed to ensure consistency throughout the rules.

Jerry Peterson discussed the allowable distance for exterior walls with Mr. Blais and EO Touchstone, to which EO Touchstone clarified that the Board had discussed keeping the same distance requirements but adding a caveat for Urban Wildlife properties.

EO Touchstone further clarified that the Board has discussed keeping the amendments to the foundation table in the International Residential Code and removing crush stone as an option for footing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 AM.