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Idaho Building Code Board

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**Draft Minutes of 06/09/2026**

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Bick, Chair  
Tyler Drechsel  
Luke Kilcup  
Jon Laux  
Kent Soelberg  
Justin Goodwin

**Division Staff Present:** Justin Touchstone, Executive Officer  
Gabriel Arroyo, Legal Counsel  
Amy Lorenzo, Bureau Chief  
Sean Courtright, Building Prog. Mngr.  
Charlotte Kovac, Board Support Spec.

**Board Members Absent:** John Cotner  
Nick Guho  
Jeremy Maxand

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM MT by Chair Bick.

**Approval of 02/10/2026 Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**Financial Report:** Executive Officer (EO) Touchstone presented the Fiscal Year 2026, Quarter 3 Financial Report. The Board discussed potential ways to reduce the cash balance. This topic will be addressed at the next meeting.

**Legislative Update:**

- a. **Building Code to Statute** – The rulemaking ran by the Board at the 2026 Legislative Session did not pass the House. The Division is drafting Executive Agency Legislation (EAL) to relocate the code adoption language into statute.
- b. **Review IHBA Statute Proposal** – EO Touchstone conducted a preliminary review of language proposed by the Idaho Home Builders Association (IHBA) during the 2026 Legislative Session.
- c. **Electrical Code to Statute Process** – Bureau Chief Lorenzo provided insight into the past Electrical Board rulemaking process, including the adoption of the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) being moved into statute and the rewriting of the Electrical Code Rules to outline exemptions and exceptions to the 2023 NEC.
- d. **Fire Marshal Adoption of the 2024 Fire Code** – The State Fire Marshal will wait for the adoption process for the updated 2024 codes in order to allow for the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code.

- e. **Governor's Office & EALS** – The Division has discussed running an EAL to adopt the 2024 International Building Code, International Residential Code, and International Energy Conservation Code into the Idaho Building Code Statute with the Governor's Office.
- f. **Meeting with Stakeholders and Legislators** – EO Touchstone is holding meetings with key stakeholders within the industry and legislators throughout the code adoption process.

**DOPL Projects:** EO Touchstone is revising the Building Code Fee Table to reduce the building fees for schools. A projection on how this will affect the Board's cash balance will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

**Snow Loads – Adopt the 2024 IRC Loads or a Different Methodology:** Board Member Soelberg is working with the University of Idaho and residential suppliers to gather more data points on snow load studies and cost comparisons for use by the Board to determine the best and most consistent snow load calculation method.

**Public Comment:** There were public comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.