

Date: March 10, 2020

Location: Labor and Industry Building, Room E-100, 651 Boas Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17121

Council Members present: Maureen Guttman, Elizabeth Baldwin, Daniel Corbet, Edward Fegley, John Kampmeyer, Joseph Lavalle, Richard Madzar, Marty Marra, Karen Masino, Kevin Maynard, Larry Mellott, Jerry Phelan, E. Mitchell Swann, Matthew Wojaczyk, and William Yeagley.

Also present: Nathan Clark, Al Comly, Jeffrey Criss, Bill Dicroce, Chris Hine, Dave Kaptorowski, Matthew Kegg, Walt Krzyzanowski, Eric Lacey, Darryl Liguori, Jack Lyons, Amal Mahnuki, Mike Mcraw, Jenna Melashy, Basil Merenda, Douglas Meshaw, Jill Pento, Shawn Straughbaugh, and Jon Sukonik.

Reporter: Alicia Gascoigne

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Maureen Guttman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Introduction of Members.
3. Correction of previous minutes.
4. Adoption of corrected minutes.
5. Chairwoman's Comments and Correspondence: Ms. Guttman stated that the new codes are being published.
6. Report of RAC Counsel: Mr. Merenda indicated there was a quorum then issued a reminder from the Governor's Office for all council members to fill out their financial disclosures by the May 1 deadline. For individuals involved with multiple organizations, filling out the financial disclosure online makes it much easier to provide a link to each organization, rather than having to fill out the form multiple times.
7. Report of the Legislative Working Group: No updates.
8. Report of the Regulatory Working Group: Mr. Wojaczyk said they were recently tasked with looking at the PA Alternative Code - Energy Code, potentially sunseting it and how that could be accomplished. He expects to have something for the next meeting.
9. Report of the Procedures Committee: No updates.
10. Old Business: The council had no old business.
11. New Business: Chairwoman Guttman requested each Technical Advisory Committee chair update where their committee stands with reviewing 2018 codes:

- IECC Commercial – Mr. Maynard reported universal approval for the code changes that were identified, and one last review of all public comments before issuing their final report.
- IBC Structural – Ms. Guttman said Mr. Schneider is chairing this TAC. While she knows the group has met, hasn't seen anything in writing yet but expects to by the next meeting.
- IBC General and IBC Egress – Mr. Fegley is planning to convene his group within the week.
- IBC Fire Safety and IFC – Mr. Yeagley's committee met four times and addressed all the public comments provided. He expects that the final report would be completed within the next few weeks, as the only changes proposed were for IBC Fire Safety only, not Fire Code.
- IPC, IFGC, and IRC-P – Mr. Kampmeyer said his preliminary report from December is unchanged. There are 24 IFGC, 161 IPC, and 9 IRC-P code changes altogether. He prepared a spreadsheet that he sent to the TAC members, showing code changes, comments, and a column allowing them to indicate approval or disapproval.
- IBC Mechanical and IRC-M – Mr. Swann said he's terribly behind and may utilize a spreadsheet, like his colleague's, to assist him in catching up.
- IRC Building and IECC Residential – Mr. Lavallo took responsibility for the tardiness of his group which held four teleconferences. His final report on the energy portion will be to circulate a draft to his committee, then tackle the IRC Building component.
- Wildland Urban Interface, Swimming Pools and Spas, and Administrative – had been chaired by Bill Coulson who resigned, so Ms. Guttman said she would take over his sections, which have approximately 100 code changes.

12. Public Comment:

- Mr. DiCroce, CEO of Vicinity Energy, wanted to present the work of his company in district energy systems. He was told that the Uniform Construction Code isn't the appropriate venue. A Building Code subcommittee member recommended Mr. DiCroce engage in public education to gather support for his business. Mr. Lyons from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association offered to assist Mr. DiCroce.
- Mr. Kaptorowski of the PA Chapter of the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists advocated for adoption of the International Residential Code's Appendix F because of high levels of radon across the state. Chairwoman Guttman explained appendixes are outside the RAC's purview. Mr. Meshaw said he'd brought this up previously to the State Association of Township Supervisors, recommending that any municipality wanting to adopt Appendix F do so, which is the quickest and easiest solution even though there are 2,572 municipalities.
- Mr. Straughbaugh of the ICC mentioned the 2021 IPC and IMC have now been published.

13. The next meeting date was set for May 26.

14. Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 11:20 AM.