UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of Meeting, June 13, 2025 Meeting held Electronically via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Board Members

Beth Pochtar, Chair Greg Moten
Tony Neibert, Vice Chair Steven Rodzinak
Charles Baldanza Michael Seeve
Doug Boydston Bill Tevald
John Del Colle Valerie Waricka
Kathy Herity Michelle Wood

Art Londensky

Excused

Bob Mellohusky

DCA Staff

Toritseju Agbeyegbe Anthony Menafro
Rob Austin Erin Mifka
Marie Daniels Ian Rayfield
John Delesandro Bill Schmidt
Keith Makai Keith Thedinga
Adam Matthews Chrystene Wyluda

Public Attendees

Public attendees joined using a registration link, and only those who registered and announced themselves will be listed herein.

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

A. Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2024, Code Advisory Board Meeting

Anthony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Art Londensky, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Subcode Committee Reports

Barrier Free Subcode Committee – John Del Colle reported that the Committee did not meet.

Building Subcode Committee - Michelle Wood reported that the Committee did not meet.

Electrical Subcode Committee – Anthony Neibert reported that the Committee met and discussed ongoing items of note.

Elevator Subcode Committee - Doug Boydston reported that the Committee did not meet.

Fire Protection Subcode Committee – Art Londensky reported that the Committee did not meet.

Mechanical/Energy Subcode Committee - Rob Austin reported that the Committee did not meet.

Plumbing Subcode Committee – Steven Rodzinak reported that the Committee did not meet.

C. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

D. New Business

1. Draft Amendment to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.16(a), Action on Application, Exception

Rob Austin introduced this item and noted that it mirrors the requirements for action on an application submitted pursuant to the Self-Certification law, enacted at the end of 2024. This language states that the local enforcing agency has five calendar days to act on a permit application following a supervisory check.

Board Members stated their understanding that these requirements are established within the Law and cannot be altered but expressed concern nonetheless. The Board discussed the paperwork requirements as well as the licensure requirements for any design professionals seeking to utilize the requirements of the law.

Board Members stated that, although the language is set in stone pursuant to the law, they would like to refer the item as information to all subcommittees. It would not be up for discussion, but it would be to ensure all members are aware of the upcoming change and have an opportunity to provide feedback and concerns.

With that, Steve Rodzinak made a motion, which was seconded by Michelle Wood, to approve the draft amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Bulletin and Formal Technical Opinion – Model Code Updates

Rob Austin introduced this item and stated that all Bulletins and FTOs have been updated to reflect the 2024 national model codes and reminded members that the updated bulletins would be effective after Board action and after the Department posts the updates on the website, pending adoption of the national model codes.

This item was referred to all committees for review.

E. Information

- 1. CAB Tentative Meeting Dates 2025 8/8; 10/10; 12/12
- 2. CAB Log Marie Daniels stated that all rulemaking matters are pending proposal or adoption.
- 3. List of Pending Legislation

F. Public Comments

Brian Miller and Dennis Bettler both expressed concerns regarding the Self-Certification Law and stated that for the most part, municipalities do all that they can to stay on target and prevent any plan review and inspection delays. They thanked the Department for the clarification on the requirements for design professionals to participate in the program and for the ability to express their concerns.

G. Adjourn

Steve Rodzinak made a motion, which was seconded by Art Londensky, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.