

OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES VIRTUAL – WEBEX MEETING MARCH 16, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT ON WEBEX VIDEO:

Stephanie Cliff, Paul Gunderson, Danny Hancock, Kyle Lombardo, Lonnie Shackelford, Scott Tucker, and Cary Williamson

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Justin Blunt, Daniel Favata, Mitchell Hort, and Donny Williamson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Billy Pope (OUBCC Staff), Kathy Hehnly (OUBCC Staff), Lindsay Heinrichs (OUBCC Staff), Bryan Neal (Oklahoma Attorney General's Office), LaTisha Edwards (Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), Agency Business Services Division (ABS)), Rhonda Harding-Hill (Oklahoma Department of Commerce), Robin Cornwell, Lew Goidell, Robert Glass, Kelly Sadler, JW Williams, Lee Fithian, Evan Thibault, and Brad Rowe

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Cary Williamson, Chairman of the Commission called the regular meeting of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. on the WebEx call established for the meeting.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

The following statement was read into the record:

"This special meeting of the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on this 7th day of April 2021, has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Title 25 O.S. Sections 301 through 314.

Further, this meeting was preceded by an advance public notice that was sent to the Secretary of State electronically specifying the date, time, and place of the meeting here convened.

Notice of this meeting was given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior hereto. To date, 4063 (four thousand sixty-three) people have filed a written request for notice of meetings of this public body."

REPORTS:

CEO Report:

Mr. Pope stated his two items to update the commission were further along on the agenda.

Financial Report:

Ms. LaTisha Edwards with OMES ABS provided the review of the financial reports. She noted the available cash balance as of

Technical Committee Review Updates:

1. Residential and Commercial Ice and Water Barrier Technical Committee

Ms. Cliff provided an update.

2. Residential Building Technical Committee

Mr. Shackelford noted that committee meeting.

3. Residential Fuel Gas, Mechanical and Plumbing Technical Committee

Mr. Hancock

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion and possible approval of the February 28, 2021 special meeting minutes

MR. DANNY HANCOCK MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. PAUL GUNDERSON TO APPROVE THE MARCH 16 2021 MEETING MINTUES

VOTING AYE: Daniel Favata
Paul Gunderson
Danny Hancock
Mitchell Hort
Kyle Lombardo
Lonnie Shackelford
Donny Williamson
Cary Williamson

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Justin Blunt
Stephanie Cliff
Scott Tucker

Update and discussion on proposed legislation related to the OUBCC

Mr. Pope noted SB148 had gone through the Senate and passed with a 44 to 3 vote and had it first reading in the House. He noted HB1818 had gone through the House with 94 to 0 vote and has been sent to the Senate to be heard in the Business, Commerce, and Tourism Committee. He added anyone who had any feelings on the bills should contact their legislators and let them know what they thought. There was some further discussion on what the bills did, and the history of bills similar to HB1818 filed in previous years.

Discussion and possible action to amend the Residential Fuel Gas, Mechanical and Plumbing Technical Committee to add a representative from the LP Gas Administration

Mr. Pope noted they were working with the LP Gas Administration, who had requested to have representation on the committee. He added an application was received for the position, but it came in too late to have it addressed at the meeting. Mr. Donny Williamson stated he felt it was important with the influx of rural community building going on and the amount of LP Gas being used in those installations. He added a lot of contractors were not as familiar with LP Gas as they should be. He noted in some cases he had dealt with inspectors who were not as familiar as they

should be. He stated it was a personal issue for him, as the explosion in a residence that happened last fall in the OKC area was that of a family member. He noted he toured the property and it blew out windows five houses away. He added there was all kinds of agencies still investigating it, but what they knew was that the house filled up with 500 gallons of propane and blew up. He noted they lost a family member as a result and it was an area that needed a lot of education. Mr. Pope stated he agreed with Mr. Williamson. He noted in the past the LP Gas Administration had been on the committee, but the representative at that time had since retired. Ms. Hehnly noted the agenda item was only to modify the makeup of the committee. She added there was a separate agenda item to deal with people to serve on the committee. She noted the Commission could table the item or act on modifying the committee structure.

MR. DONNY WILLIAMSON MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. PAUL GUNDERSON TO ADD A LP GAS ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RESIDENTIAL FUEL GAS, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

VOTING AYE: Paul Gunderson
Danny Hancock
Mitchell Hort
Kyle Lombardo
Lonnie Shackelford
Donny Williamson
Cary Williamson

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Justin Blunt
Stephanie Cliff
Daniel Favata
Scott Tucker

Mr. Hancock offered his condolences and stated he thought it was important for all voices to be heard. He added that was why in his opinion HB1818 would be detrimental as it would not allow the Commission the leeway to make adjustments as they could now.

Discussion and possible action to amend the Residential Building Technical Committee to add an Alternate Residential Builder position

MR. LONNIE SHACKELFORD MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. DANNY HANCOCK TO APPROVE ADDING AN ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDER POSITION TO THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

VOTING AYE: Paul Gunderson
Danny Hancock
Mitchell Hort
Kyle Lombardo
Lonnie Shackelford
Donny Williamson
Cary Williamson

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Justin Blunt
Stephanie Cliff
Daniel Favata
Scott Tucker

Discussion and possible action on approving volunteer applications for vacant positions, if any, for the following committees:

1. Residential Building Technical Committee

Application for Mr. Curtis McCarty to serve as the Alternate Residential Builder was submitted for consideration

2. IRC and IBC Ice and Water Barrier Technical Committee

Applications for Mr. Curtis McCarty and Mr. Chris Ramseyer was submitted for consideration for the alternate positions approved at the last meeting.

3. Residential Electrical Technical Committee

No applications were submitted for consideration.

4. Residential Fuel Gas, Mechanical and Plumbing Technical Committee

No applications were submitted for consideration.

MR. DANNY HANCOCK MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. LONNIE SHACKELFORD TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR MR. CURTIS MCCARTY AND MR. CHRIS RAMSEYER TO SERVE ON THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND IRC AND IBC ICE AND WATER BARRIER TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

VOTING AYE: Paul Gunderson
Danny Hancock
Mitchell Hort
Kyle Lombardo
Lonnie Shackelford
Donny Williamson
Cary Williamson

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Justin Blunt
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NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion on meeting in person or virtually.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donny Williamson brought up the need for education for inspectors, who were having a hard time to get continuing education that was needed. He added one of the things he spoke to the Governor about serving on the Commission, was his issue with inspectors not understanding the code. He stated he thought education of the inspectors was important. He added the biggest issues were life safety issues. There was further discussion on the need for training of inspectors, what the Commission had done in the past; if agency funds could be swept to make up for budget shortfalls; the new office space and hosting classes there; developing an online platform for training; the Construction Industries Board approval process for continuing education credits; how the OUBCC contracts for training classes; and reaching out to the CIB to discuss options to find common grounds.

ADJOURNMENT: (P.M.)

MR. DANNY HANCOCK MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. PAUL GUNDERSON TO ADJOURN

VOTING AYE: Daniel Favata
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Danny Hancock
Mitchell Hort
Kyle Lombardo
Lonnie Shackelford
Donny Williamson
Cary Williamson

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Justin Blunt
Stephanie Cliff
Scott Tucker

Minutes approved in the regular meeting on the 7 day of April, 2021

CARY WILLIAMSON
Cary Williamson, Chairman
Oklahoma Uniform Building Code
Commission

PREPARED BY: KATHY HEHNLY
Kathy Hehnly, Executive Assistant
Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission

Official Copy: Original with signatures in office files.