

**CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
CODES AMENDMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2024

A meeting of the Codes Amendment Subcommittee of the Codes and Standards Committee was held on-line using Microsoft Teams Meeting platform. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM.

CAS in Attendance: John J. Butkus, AIA, Architect
Johnny Carrier, Residential Contractor
Anthony Cinicola, Building Official
Paul Costello, Electric Trades
Hank Cullinane, HVAC
Thomas DiBlasi, PE, Structural Engineer
Keith Flood, Fire Marshal
Louis Free, AIA, Architect, CAS Chair
Donald Harwood, Public Member
David McKinley, Advocacy
Henry Miga, Building Official
Timothy Mikloiche, Electrical Contractor
Michael Musco, PE, Electrical Engineer
Illona Prosol, PE, Fire Protection Engineer
Eric Shutt, Plumbing Trades Contractor
Fred Wajcs, Jr., Public Member
William Zoeller, RA, Energy Efficiency

DAS in Attendance: William Abbott, OSFM, State Fire Marshal
Anthony Arborio, DAS Construction Services, Building Official
Royal Brooks, DAS Construction Services, Building Official
Michael Fuschi, DAS Construction Services, Building Official Supervisor
Darren Hobbs, DAS, Deputy Commissioner, Real Estate & Construction
Omarys Vasquez, AIA, NOMA, OSBI, State Building Inspector
David Woods, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor
Peter Zvingilas, DAS, Assistant Director, Regulatory Compliance

Also Present: Joseph Cassidy
Bob Hanna
Roman Kuzmicki, Cosentini Associates
James Malumphy, SLAM Collaborative
Jeffrey Mang
John Murphy
William J. Nash, Senior Regional Manager, International Code Council
Leo Smith
Melissa Spoelstra, Cardello Architects
Dragana Thibault, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
Jason Vandever, North American Insulation Manufacturers Association
Joe Versteeg

1. CAS MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Johnny Carrier and seconded by Michael Musco to accept the draft meeting minutes of the November 29, 2023 CAS meeting. No discussions, all voted in favor, none opposed, motion is APPROVED.
- b. A motion was made by John Butkus and seconded by Johnny Carrier to accept the draft meeting minutes of the December 13, 2023 CAS meeting. No discussions, all voted in favor, none opposed, motion is APPROVED.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

No correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting. State Building Inspector Omarys Vasquez will confirm if CAS correspondence gets sent to the Codes and Standards Committee email box and will need to be sorted or if CAS has its own email box.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Public Act No. 23-102 - AN ACT STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR CONNECTICUT'S CONSUMERS OF ENERGY
 - i) A document titled "Report to the Public Safety and Security Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly, Public Act 23-102 - An Act Strengthening Protections for Connecticut's Consumers of Energy, State Building Code Gas Detection Report" dated December 2023 and prepared by Codes and Standards, Office of the State Building Inspector and Office of the State Fire Marshal was submitted with a cover letter dated December 27, 2023 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly.
 - ii) State Building Inspector Omarys Vasquez reported that a copy of the final document has been uploaded to the DAS DRC – CAS SharePoint drive. Chair Louis Free requested State Building Inspector Vasquez to also email a PDF copy to CAS members.
 - iii) Chair Free noted that submitting a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly by December 31, 2023 was only part of CAS's obligation. The Gas Detection Work Group was established at the 12/13/2023 CAS meeting to address the specific requests of Public Act No. 23-102, Sec. 40. related to gas detectors and make recommendations to the entire CAS for code language consideration in the current 2025 code adoption cycle.
- b. 2025 Connecticut State Building Code and Fire Safety Code Development
 - i) ICC 2024 Codes and ICC Premium Access Update. ICC forwarded targeted emails to CAS members to download redline versions of the 2024 Codes. The redline versions of the 2024 IBC and 2024 IEBC have been uploaded to the DAS DRC – CAS SharePoint drive.

- ii) Donald Harwood expressed his and other CAS members frustration that the CAS cannot be supplied actual hard copies of the 2024 codes to members that request them which will be used to assist in the review and coordination of cross-referencing the proposed codes to the current codes. Mr. Harwood pointed out that CAS members are all uncompensated volunteers who invest a tremendous amount of personal time and effort to help promulgate the building and fires safety codes for the State of Connecticut. Additionally the statute establishing the Codes and Standards Committee allows expenses, within the limits of appropriations provided, as may be necessary to conduct its business. At a minimum, CAS members should be supplied what is requested to assist in performing this effort.
- iii) Work Group Assignments. Ther Work Group Assignment List dated DRAFT – Rev. 01/07/2024 has been updated to include the Gas Detection Work Group. Chair Free requested that once the constituency individuals are identified for specific Work Groups, add their name(s) and affiliation to the Work Group Assignment List under Constituency Coordination. Michael Musco requested that Michal Hofkin, International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), be added under Constituency Coordination for the Electrical Work Group and Illona Prosol requested that Joseph Cassidy be added under Constituency Coordination for the Mechanical / Plumbing Work Group.
- iv) Proposed Subcommittee Meeting Schedule (Two-Month Look Ahead).
 - (1) January 10, 2024 Subcommittee Kickoff and Schedule Overview
 - (2) January 24, 2024 Reserved for general CAS business and questions. Work Groups to schedule separate work group review sessions.
 - (3) February 14, 2024 Reserved for general CAS business and questions. Work Groups to schedule separate work group review sessions.
 - (4) February 28, 2024 Accessibility Work Group Presentation. 2024 IBC, Chapter 11; 2024 IEBC, Section 307; 2017 ANSI A117.1. David McKinley, Work Group Chair; John Butkus, Louis Free.
 - (5) March 13, 2024 Mechanical (commercial construction) Work Group Presentation. 2024 IBC, Chapter 28; 2024 IMC. Illona Prosol, Work Group Chair; Hank Cullinane, Michael Misco, Eric Shutt.
- v) Chair Free requested William Nash, Senior Regional Manager, International Code Council, to provide an update on the expected availability of the 2024 IRC. Mr. Nash reported that the anticipated availability date has been push father out from the last report in December to later in May or June to accommodate the time necessary for the appeal process and then publishing.

- vi) Fred Wajcs express concern with the current tentative 2025 Connecticut State Building Code and Fire Safety Code Development schedule to have the draft Connecticut Code Amendments ready for CAS review by July 24, 2024 based on the reported delay in the release of the 2024 IRC for CAS review and public comment. The date should reflect something that is reasonable and achievable. Chair Free responded that the current schedule was established based on the information that we had at that time and will need to be changed as current information is provided. State Building Inspector Vasquez stated that the schedule developed with the Chair was aggressive with the goal to get the codes amendments finalized for the next legislative session taking into consideration the public comment period, holidays and the 45-day legislative review period. However, with the new revelation that the 2024 IRC is not going to be ready in the first quarter of 2024 and now we are looking at the second quarter or the end of the second quarter, we will need to reassess taking into consideration the review and code change proposal submission time periods. Johny Carrier requested adding an asterisk and a note at the bottom of the schedule letting the public know that the final draft approval date is dependent on receiving all the information needed for CAS evaluation and public submission of code change proposals. Chair Free clarified that this schedule is an internal CAS schedule and that information for the public will be reviewed first by the Chair and State Building Inspector before being published on the DAS Building and Fire Code Adoption Process website.
- vii) A question was asked on the time duration typically provided to the public to submit code change proposals to the CAS. Chair Free responded that in the past it has ranged from 45 to 90 days.
- viii) John Butkus made a motion to establish a 45-day public code change proposal submission time period based on dates to be established when the codes are made available to the public. Tom DiBlasi seconded the motion. Discussion included the fact that there could be more than one 45-day public code change proposal submission time period if all codes are not available for public access at the same time. All voted in favor, none opposed, the motion is APPROVED.

4. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

5. GOOD OF THE ORDER

State Building Inspector Vasquez provided an overview and live demonstration on the new DAS DRC – CAS SharePoint drive set up exclusively for CAS member use. All CAS members should have received an email from Omarys Vasquez, Omarys.Vasquez@ct.gov, Subject: “Vasquez, Omarys is inviting you to collaborate on DAS DRC - CAS SharePoint Folder”. Within this email click on the “Go to DAS DRC - CAS SharePoint Folder” to gain access to the DAS CAS SharePoint drive. Once the webpage loads, it was suggested you bookmark it

or save it to your “Favorites”. On the left side of the webpage click on “Documents” to gain access to the various CAS folders. Under “Documents > 2025 Code Development > 10_Work Groups” are the individual Work Group folders (i.e. 01_Accessibility through 12_Gas Detection) for the Work Groups to upload and download their documents. Under “ Documents > 2025 Code Development > 20_References” are redline versions of the 2024 IBC and 2024 IEBC, and subfolders with information on PS23-72 (HB 6573) Diaper Changing, PA23-102 (SB-0007) Senate Bill No 7 and PA23-143 (6607) Protection of Birds. Anyone having issues gaining access to the SharePoint drive should contact State Building Inspector Vasquez for troubleshooting help.

6. ADJOURNMENT

John Butkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 PM, Henry Miga second the motion. No discussion, the vote was all in favor and none opposed, the motion for adjournment is APPROVED.

The next Codes Amendment Subcommittee meeting is set for Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM and will be held on-line using Microsoft Teams Meeting platform.



Louis Free, Chair
Codes Amendment Subcommittee

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