

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

February 14, 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 1:46 PM.

CAS in Attendance: John J. Butkus, AIA, Architect
Johnny Carrier, Builder - Residential
Anthony Cinicola, Building Official
Paul Costello, National Building Trades Labor
Terry Deveney, Builder - Nonresidential
Thomas DiBlasi, PE, Structural
Louis Free, AIA, Architect, CAS Chair
David McKinley, Public Member - Accessibility
Henry Miga, Building Official
Timothy Mikloiche, Electrical Contractor
Michael Musco, PE, Electrical
Illona Prosol, PE, Fire Protection Engineer
Michael Sinsigalli, Fire Marshal
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
Danielle Hart, DAS Construction Services, Administrative Staff
Kimberly Rogers, OSBI, Deputy State Building Inspector
Omarys Vasquez, AIA, NOMA, OSBI, State Building Inspector
David Woods, OSFM, Fire & Life Safety Supervisor
Peter Zvingilas, DAS, Assistant Director, Regulatory Compliance

Also Present: Abigail Brown
Joseph Cassidy
William J. Nash, Senior Regional Manager, International Code Council
Roger Nelson
David Shulman

1. CAS MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Thomas DiBlasi and seconded by Timothy Mikloiche to accept the draft meeting minutes of the January 24, 2024 CAS meeting. No discussions, all voted in favor, none opposed, motion is APPROVED.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

No correspondence was received since the last CAS meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2025 Connecticut State Building Code and Fire Safety Code Development

- i) **General Discussion.** Chair Louis Free stated that as part of the Accessibility Work Group review State Building Inspector Omarys Vasquez suggested CAS in conjunction with OSBI consider developing a Connecticut Code Amendment Commentary similar to the ICC Code Commentaries. The commentary for the Connecticut Amendments would be an internal document providing historical reference with explanatory material and insight for the Connecticut specific code requirements. A good example are code changes that are dictated by Connecticut General Statutes. Chair Free requested that Work Groups document the justification for the Connecticut code amendments as they are defined. Joseph Cassidy, retired State Building Inspector, stated that OSBI has such a document generated during the last code change cycle. State Building Inspector Vasquez is aware of the document(s) and will use it as the basis for the updates.

Johnny Carrier requested clarification on the requirement to attach a fiscal note to the proposed code changes and has this been done in the past. The fiscal note is part of the regulations making process and is a pro forma document, not an exhaustive analysis, of how much code changes costs or do not cost under the new code verses the old code.

- ii) **ICC 2024 Codes and ICC Premium Access Update.** Peter Zvingilas reported that DAS has approved the processing of the invoice to allow CAS members concurrent ICC Premium Access. Notification will come from ICC soon notifying you that DAS is sharing a concurrent code with you.
- iii) **2024 IRC Availability Update:** William Nash, Senior Regional Manager, International Code Council, provided an update on anticipated availability of the 2024 IRC. The hearings for nine (9) appeals related to the 2024 IECC is still scheduled for February 21, 22 and 23. After the appeal hearings there remains a 30-day appeal period directly to the ICC Board of Directors which pushes the time out to the end of March 2024. Assuming there are no further challenges, ICC appears to be on track for the 2024 IRC and 2024 IECC being published and available in the June-July 2024 time frame.

Peter Zvingilas reported that DAS is working with ICC to obtain the red line versions of the 2024 IRC minus Chapter 11, which is tied to the energy portion of the 2024 IECC appeals, for the Work Group(s) to review. The red line 2024 IRC will be issued chapter by chapter and uploaded to the DAS DRC – CAS SharePoint drive.

Johnny Carrier requested CAS members be sent bullet point instructions on the use of ICC's Premium Access. Peter Zvingilas reported that ICC has an instructional video that can be shared.

- iv) Work Group Assignments. State Building Inspector Vasquez reported that she is in the process of updating the Work Group Assignment list as constituency representatives are identified.
- v) Work Group Meetings. Chair Free reported that Work Groups has been meeting and State Building Inspector Vasquez requested the Work Group Chairs make sure the OSBI or OSFM identified representative(s) are invited to the Work Group sessions.

Michael Musco reported that the Plumbing Work Group review of the 2024 IPC should be complete for the March 13, 2024 CAS meeting but that the Mechanical Work Group will not have completed the 2024 IMC review. Ilona Prosol requested that the Mechanical Work Group presentation scheduled for March 13, 2024 be changed to the Plumbing Work Group presentation of the 2024 IPC.

- vi) Proposed Subcommittee Meeting Schedule (Two-Month Look Ahead).
 - (1) February 28, 2024 Accessibility Work Group Presentation. 2024 IBC, Chapter 11; 2024 IEBC, Section 307; 2017 ANSI A117.1.
CAS: David McKinley, Work Group Chair;
John Butkus, Louis Free.
OSBI: Omarys Vasquez.
Constituency: TBD
 - (2) March 13, 2024 Plumbing Work Group Presentation. 2024 IBC, Chapter 29; 2024 IPC.
CAS: Ilona Prosol, Work Group Chair;
Hank Cullinane, Michael Misco, Eric Shutt.
OSBI: Michael Fuschi
Constituency: Joseph Cassidy
 - (3) March 27, 2024 Existing Building Code Work Group Presentation. 2024 IEBC.
CAS: John Butkus, Work Group Chair;
Keith Flood, Louis Free, Johnny Carrier,
Michael Sinsigalli
OSBI: Omarys Vasquez
Constituency: TBD

4. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

5. GOOD OF THE ORDER

6. ADJOURNMENT

Thomas DiBlasi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 PM, Johnny Carrier 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, February 28, 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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