



Building Code Training Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2024	Location: Video Conference
Attendees: Frank DaCota, Thomas DiBlasi, Michael Fullerton, Arnie LaRosa, Daniel Loos, Thomas Manning, Henry Miga, Michael Musco, David Preka, Kimberly Rogers, Raymond Steadward	
Recorder: Shane Cayer	

	Item
I. Introduction	<p>Daniel Loos called the meeting to order at 11:02am with a quorum of 9 members.</p> <p>A motion was made by Thomas DiBlasi to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2024, meeting, with no changes. Henry Miga seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.</p>
II. Old Business	Daniel Loos confirmed no old business and moved to new business.
III. New Business	<p>Retirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henry Miga announced that this will likely be his last meeting as part of the Training Council. He expressed gratitude and appreciation for the camaraderie and progress made over the years. Daniel Loos acknowledged the long-standing members of the group, including himself, Tom Manning, and Henry, and thanked Henry for his contributions. Henry Miga shared his plans for retirement and advice received to take it easy and not jump into new activities immediately. <p>Updates on PLTP Program and Testing Flexibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Fullerton discussed changes to the PLTP program, including modular testing and assessments, moving from quarterly exams to three exam sessions a month. The new setup allows for more flexibility and faster licensing for emergency appointments. Michael Fullerton mentioned finalizing details with Mark regarding the first quarter schedule and the importance of administrative portions of the code for all code officials. The need for more qualified trainers was highlighted, with a recent hiring round yielding few qualified applicants. <p>Training Program Coordinator and Survey Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Fullerton announced the hiring of a new training program coordinator, Nicole, who starts at the end of the month. The new coordinator is expected to help improve the curriculum and career development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Fullerton shared feedback from a survey on needed programs, including home improvement contractor training and issues with existing building codes. • Specific topics mentioned included energy code, modular homes, light gauge metal buildings, and administrative and legal issues with non-compliant owners and municipalities. <p>Discussion on Code Interpretations and Practical Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Musco raised concerns about fire alarm systems and the compatibility of AC DC units with visual strobes. • Michael Fullerton discussed plans to offer more practical examples of codes and inspections using new technology like Microsoft's HoloLens. • The goal is to provide live streaming of inspections and interactive classroom sessions. • Michael Fullerton mentioned the need to post recorded classes and create a library of programs for each code cycle. <p>Credit for Non-Adopted Code Editions and License Reinstatement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Fullerton posed a question regarding whether OEDM should provide credit for trainings on code editions not adopted under the state building code. • Raymond Steadman and Thomas Manning supported giving credit, citing the value of learning about upcoming code changes. • Michael Fullerton agreed, noting the importance of being forward-thinking and providing education on new codes. • The discussion shifted to the process for reinstating licenses revoked or suspended for various reasons, with suggestions for requiring administrative modules or retesting. <p>Conclusion and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Fullerton and Omary Vasquez discussed the need for a standard process for reinstating licenses, considering the gravity of suspensions and revocations. • Thomas Manning and Raymond Steadman suggested requiring specific training or retesting based on the severity of the infraction. • Michael Fullerton emphasized the importance of having a clear, unified process for reinstatement. • The meeting concluded with a discussion on mandating certain courses for continuing education and ensuring a broad range of topics are covered.
IV. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:42am.
V. Next Meeting	TBD