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Administrative Services

PA 25-157 Codes and Standards Membership Working Group

Agenda, Friday, June 26, 2026, 9:00am (Teams Meeting – Online)

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Attendance**

   Jenna Padula
   Terrence Dunn
   Joseph Cassidy
   Brian Baril - Absent
   Michael Nealy
   Robert Hanbury
   Patrick T. Tourville
   Jeffrey Pooler
   Michael Marino

3. **Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2026, and June 24, 2026.**

   1. June 18, 2026; Michael Nealy makes motion to approve minutes with adjustment to attendance (Joseph Cassidy was not at the June 18, 2026 meeting). Patrick Tourville seconds motion. All in favor.
   2. June 24, 2026; Joseph Cassidy makes motion to approve minutes. Robert Hnabury seconds motion. All in favor.

4. **Review and discussion of draft report.**

- Concern expressed that recent edits weakened the report's recommendations, especially regarding reliance on national consensus codes and concerns about adding "economist" input.
- Debate focused on whether state-specific considerations justify deviations from national codes.
- Additional discussion regarding National Consensus Codes vs. State-Specific Adjustments

Membership Discussion

- Debate on whether to keep committee size the same, reduce it, or refine expertise representation.
    - Consensus: Do not increase committee size; some disagreement on reducing it.

• Group agreed on strengthening guidance for expertise representation when new members are appointed.

Revisions to Expertise Recommendations
The group collaboratively drafted a revised paragraph recommending certain expertise areas be represented or considered for future membership.

- Final expertise list (after deletions of existing statutory roles) included:
    1. Local industry & building owner representatives
    2. Fire sprinkler and fire alarm installation/design expertise (debated—Bob opposed including "design")
    3. Architectural, structural, electrical, building official, fire marshal, and public representatives were considered already covered by statute.

Legal & Structural Consistency Discussion
Group agreed to restore the recommendation that proposals undergo legal and structural consistency review before formal committee presentation to improve clarity, reduce resubmissions, and support proponents.

5. **Vote on report to be submitted:** Patrick Tourville makes motion to vote and submit on the draft report with the edits made during the meeting. Joseph Cassidy seconds motion. Motion passes by majority vote.

    Jenna Padula - Yes
    Terrence Dunn - Yes
    Joseph Cassidy - Yes
    Brian Baril – Absent
    Michael Nealy - Yes
    Robert Hanbury – No
    Opposition to the final report because of the disagreement with including "design" expertise within the recommended fire sprinkler and fire alarm expertise bullet. Robert's concern was that: Design responsibilities are already assigned by statute to the existing fire protection engineer seat, so adding "design" again is redundant and confusing. He felt it implied that installers would share or duplicate the design responsibilities traditionally held by licensed design professionals, which he believed would upset those professionals and create unnecessary conflict. Bob specifically stated he wanted the word "design" removed, and since that change was not adopted, he voted no.
    Patrick T. Tourville - Yes
    Jeffrey Pooler - Yes
    Michael Marino- Yes

6. **Adjournment:** Patrick Tourville makes motion to adjourn. Robert Hanbury seconds motion. All in favor.

Sec. 12. (Effective from passage) (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall convene a working group within the Department of Administrative Services to study the Codes and Standards Committee. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, a review of the membership of, and procedures utilized by, the Codes and Standards Committee, for the purpose of recommending any needed changes to such membership or procedures. (b) The working group shall consist of the following members, none of whom shall be a current member of the Codes and Standards Committee: (1) Four appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative Services; (2) one appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection; (3) two designated by the Connecticut Building Officials Association; and (4) two designated by the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association. (c) Not later than July 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or July 1, 2026, whichever is later.

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