

Illinois Energy Conservation Advisory Council
December 18, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Council Members:

Lisa Hennigh, Capital Development Board (remote)
Robert Coslow, Capital Development Board (Springfield)
Alison Lindburg, Midwest Energy Efficiency (Chicago)
Allen Drewes, Allen David Homes (Chicago)
Scott Farbman, dbHMS (remote)
Susan Heinking, Pepper Construction Company (remote)
Jason Huelsmann, New Tradition Homes (Springfield)
Rebecca Luke, IEPA (Springfield)
John Meek, Felmey-Dickerson Company (Springfield)
Ryan Nation, Hanson Professional Services (Springfield)
Saagar Patel, Environment Systems Design, Inc. (Chicago)
Kevin Roth (Springfield)
Michelle Sablack, WJW Architects (Chicago)
Harry Spila, HJS Consulting, LLC (Chicago)
David Wytmar, Groundwork, Ltd. (Chicago)

Guests:

Bryan Ahee, Bradford White Corporation
Jeremy Bishoff, Capital Development Board
Jasmine Chiu, RMI
Paul Colgan, BIA of Greater Chicago
Mike Colligan
Steven Cutaia
Amber Dooley, Capital Development Board
Joel Freeman
Eric Lacey
Brianna Lantz
Jeff Mang, PIMA
Thomas Manjarres, People and North Shore
Gas

Bill McHugh
Darren Meyers
Jenna Mitchell
Joseph O'Brien-Applegate
Andrea Papageorge, Southern Company
Rod Petric
Erin Sherman, RMI
Ryan Siegel, Smart Energy Design
Jonathan Skarzynski
Christina Summerson
Jason Vandever, NAIMA
Margaret Vaughn
Ryan Wilmington

1. Robert Coslow called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.
2. Roll call of Council members was taken. Present members constituted a quorum.
3. Robert Coslow made brief announcements explaining the format of the meeting.

4. David Wytmar moved to approve meeting minutes from the Residential Stretch Code Subcommittee minutes from December 4, 2023. Allen Drewes seconded. Only members of the residential subcommittee voted. The motion passed.
5. Kevin Roth moved to approve meeting minutes from the Commercial Stretch Code Subcommittee minutes of November 16, 2023. Ryan Nation seconded. Only members of the commercial subcommittee voted. The motion passed.
6. Erin Sherman presented the Draft 11-30-23 2024 Illinois Commercial Stretch Energy Code Draft. The floor was opened to questions and discussions.
 - a. Darren Meyers asked about certification for the code compliance pathway and Erin Sherman displayed clarifying language from Public Act 102-0662.
 - b. John Meek asked at what point we take action on suggestions made. It was clarified that entertaining a motion would occur after council debate and public comment.
 - c. David Wytmar asked a clarifying question about whether there would be two separate codes or one comprehensive stretch code for commercial and residential. He recommended placing the year into the title of the code to avoid confusion as an indexing comment. Alison Lindburg questioned whether a municipality could adopt a stretch code and then rescind that code in later action. There was further discussion as to how to index the year of the stretch code to match the base code from which it is derived.
7. Public comment was allowed.
 - a. Bill McHugh commented that the IECC code needs to be clearly identified to enable a municipality to be able to enforce the stretch code.
8. David Wytmar suggested the title of the commercial portion of the code be changed to the 2023 Illinois Commercial Stretch Energy Code. Allen Drewes moved that the Draft 11-30-23 2023 Illinois Commercial Stretch Energy Code be approved by the Council and advanced to the CDB Board for adoption. Kevin Roth seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote with all members voting yes.
9. Erin Sherman presented the Draft 12-15-23 Illinois Residential Stretch Energy Code. Harry Spila asked clarifying questions about the language of the Substantial Energy Alteration provisions in the Stretch Code. There was further discussion within the subcommittee on what constitutes substantial energy alteration and whether it was beneficial to keep the provisions in the stretch code, as it could be burdensome to some homeowners.
10. Public comment was allowed.
 - a. Bill McHugh commented about consistency in language between the 2021 and 2024 versions of the International Energy Conservation Code specific to Roof Alterations with limiting conditions.

- b. Ryan Siegel expressed encouragement to keep the substantial renovation provision in the residential stretch code.
 - c. Jasmine Chiu pointed out that Massachusetts has a system in which local jurisdictions have to enforce the latest state stretch code once adopted, as a perspective to the question of whether a municipality had the latitude to select which version of the stretch code to enforce. David Wytmar commented that this issue may be outside of the purview of the council, and there was brief discussion that followed about nuances of municipal adoption of the stretch code.
11. Harry Spila moved to strike the Substantial Energy Alteration definition and Section R503.1.5. David Wytmar seconded. A role call vote was taken with Scott Farbman voting no and all other council members voting yes. Motion passed.
 12. Michelle Sablack motioned to add language from the Illinois base code and the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (R503.1.1.2) regarding Roofing Alterations with limiting conditions on the roof into the stretch code. David Wytmar seconded. A role call vote was taken with Alison Lindburg voting no and the remaining council members voting yes. Motion passed.
 13. David Wytmar motioned to rename the residential portion of the code to the “2023 Illinois Residential Stretch Energy Code” and to approve the revised draft and advance to the CDB Board for adoption. Kevin Roth seconded. A role call vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion passed.
 14. Robert Coslow made closing remarks that the revisions would be made quickly to go to the January CDB Board Meeting and encouraged council members to attend the meeting to support the code. The 2024 base codes will be starting shortly, and base code subcommittee make up was briefly discussed.
 15. Lisa Hennigh was recognized for her outstanding service and dedication serving as Chair of the IECAC for nearly 20 years balancing the interests of CDB, committees, councils, special interest groups, Governor’s Office and the people of the State of Illinois.
 16. Kevin Roth moved to express a formal Thank You and Sincere Gratitude to Lisa Hennigh from the IECAC for all of her efforts and service in promoting the Illinois Energy Conservation Code and best wishes in her new role as Deputy Director of Construction for CDB. John Meek seconded. Motion passed.
 17. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM