**Illinois Energy Conservation Advisory Council**

**February 4, 2025 - 12:00 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

**Council Members:**

Robert Coslow, Capital Development Board

Allen Drewes, Old Towne Custom Builders, Inc.

Jason Easton, Windsor Homes, Inc.

Scott Farbman, dbHMS

Darnell Johnson, Urban Efficinecy Group, LLC

Alison Lindburg, MEEA

Rebecca Luke, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Greg Thorpe, Rock Island County

David Wytmar, Architectural Design Groundwork, Ltd.

**Guests:**

Billy Allison, IPTA

Brian Baughman

Mia Berrios

Jerry Bishoff, Capital Development Board

Bill Cunningham

Amber Dooley, Capital Development Board

Paul Duffy

Maxime Duzyk

Keith Grzybowski

Courtney Hanson

Gary Howard

Eric Lacey

Elizabeth Lalli-Reese

Bill McHugh

Kaleigh O’Brien, ILL PIRG

Michael Rhodes, PIMA

Heather Runge

Anne Schaeffer

Cheryl Scott, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Erin Sherman, RMI

Ryan Siegel, SEDAC

Jonathon Skarzynski, Nicor Gas

1. Robert Coslow called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.
	* The meeting started recording.
2. Roll call of Council members was taken. Present members constituted a quorum.
3. Robert Coslow updated the committee that the order of presentation of proposals may be slightly altered.
4. David Wytmar made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 meeting minutes and Alison Lindburg provided the second. Motion passed.
5. Robert Coslow re-iterated the format in which the presenter has 5 minutes and there are 2 minutes each for proponents, opponents, and for rebuttal. Erin Sherman presented on Proposal R01, which adopts Appendix RK with amendments to include electric space heating readiness. Allen Drewes spoke in opposition, citing the added expense and that it is more appropriate for the Stretch Code. Ryan Siegel expressed concern about lack of clarity in sizing requirements. Erin Sherman responded to those opinions and there was discussion amongst subcommittee members. Allen Drewes motioned not to accept the proposal and Greg Thorpe provided the second. Allen Drewes, Jason Easton, Darnell Johnson, Greg Thorpe and David Wytmar provided ‘yes’ votes. Scott Farbman and Rebecca Luke provided ‘no’ votes. Alison Lindburg abstained. Motion passed.
6. Gary Howard presented Proposal R03, for energy conservation for hot water systems and recirculation. Ryan Siegel shared a concern about the rationale for decreasing of water waste and the ‘6-second’ rule which depends on flow rate, which could result in higher flow rates than intended. There were rebuttals and discussion in the subcommittee, surrounding cost and risk of Legionnaires Disease. David Wytmar made a motion to vote on approval of the proposal. Allen Drewes provided the second. A roll call vote was made with all members voting ‘no’. The motion was defeated.
7. Keith Grzybowski presented Proposal R06, concerning the prescriptive values of U-factors in R402.1.2 and R402.1.3 for unvented attics. Paul Duffy spoke in favor of the proposal. Bill McHugh spoke in opposition, citing disadvantages to competing insulating methods. Ryan Siegel shared an opposing view, citing provisions already in codes that are less restrictive. Alison Lindburg shared an opposing comment. Keith Grzybowski and Paul Duffy provided clarifications in a rebuttal. There were further discussions and rebuttals, and subcommittee discussion. Alison Lindburg made a motion to approve the proposal. David Wytmar provided the second. Greg Thorpe, Allen Drewes, Scott Farbman, Jason Easton, Darnell Johnson, Rebecca Luke, and Alison Lindburg provided ‘no’ votes. David Wytmar provided a ‘yes’ vote. Motion was defeated.
8. Bill McHugh presented Proposal R07 adding a new definition for Roof Peel and Recover. Bill mentioned that that a previous council decision misclassified *roof peel and recover* as a *roof replacement* requiring increased new construction insulation thicknesses. International Code Council Ch. 2 definitions classify this as a *roof recover* due to not removing *roof covering* (insulation, vapor retarder, roof membrane) to the *roof deck*. This should be classified as a *roof recover*, not increasing building energy use, because it does not remove all roofing materials to the *roof deck*. Ryan Siegel spoke in opposition. Alison Lindburg also spoke in opposition citing the potential for mischaracterization of roofing projects as this is the only opportunity to upgrade insulation on the roof for a long time. David Wytmar spoke in opposition as it’s time for the building owner to upgrade insulation. Bill McHugh made a rebuttal to comment that “this is the only opportunity to increase the energy efficiency of the building, is a stretch code activity, not base code. David Wytmar made a motion to approve the proposal. Greg Thorpe provided the second. Allen Drewes, Jason Easton, and Greg Thorpe voted ‘yes’ and Scott Farbman, Darnell Jones, Rebecca Luke, Alison Lindburg, and David Wytmar voting ‘no’. Motion was defeated.
9. Eric Lacey presented Proposal R05 to modify efficiency reductions in R408.2.9 from previous codes. Ryan Siegel, Alison Lindburg, Erin Sherman, and Darnell Johnson spoke in support of this proposal. David Wytmar made a motion to approve the proposal. Rebecca Luke provided the second. Alison Lindburg, David Wytmar, Scott Farbman, Darnell Johnson, and Rebecca Luke voting ‘yes’. Greg Thorpe, Allen Drewes, and Jason Easton voted ‘no’. The motion passed.
10. Time did not allow any additional proposals.
11. Allen Drewes motioned to adjourn with Greg Thorpe providing the second. Meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM