

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Codes and Standards Committee
MEETING
10:50 A.M., March 18, 2019
Glen Allen, Virginia

Members Present

Sean Farrell
Andrew Friedman
Helen Hardiman
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Jeff Sadler
Steve Semones
Mimi Elrod

Members Absent

John Patrick "J.P." Carr
Sonny Abbasi
Richard Gregory
Earl Reynolds
Patricia Shields

Call to Order

Mr. Steve Semones, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2018, meeting of the Committee; the motion passed.

Emergency Regulations

Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD, presented the background of the Emergency Regulations being considered by the Board noting their legislative history and the request for an emergency regulatory process from House of Delegates General Laws Committee Chair.

Mr. Flanders explained the process for adoption of Emergency Regulations and the related Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA).

Mr. Semones recognized Delegate Marcia Price of the 95th District of the House of Delegates of Virginia to speak before the committee.

Delegate Price provided testimony regarding House Bill 2000, legislation she carried during the 2019 session of the General

Assembly. Delegate Price discussed the circumstances surrounding the legislation which aimed to provide additional levels of cooling for certain multifamily tenants. Delegate Price indicated that after discussions with stakeholders, she had opted not to move forward with the legislation in favor of engaging in the regulatory process. Delegate Price expressed her support for the Board adopting Emergency Regulations regarding cooling in the Virginia Maintenance Code.

On a motion properly made and seconded, the Board unanimously adopted the Emergency Regulations as presented.

On a motion properly made and seconded, the Board unanimously adopted the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to accompany the Emergency Regulation.

Notices of Intended
Regulatory Action

Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of Building and Fire Regulation at DHCD indicated that the publication of Notices of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) would formally initiate the Code Update Process the Board approved at their January meeting.

Mr. Andrew Friedman questioned how Board members can recommend changes through the workgroup process. Ms. Davis indicated that Board members are able to submit changes through the online system or can work with staff or other stakeholders to submit changes.

Ms. Davis noted that workgroups were starting soon and that there would be subworkgroups to discuss specific items/issues. Discussion ensued among Board members regarding how they might be notified about subworkgroups and how they could be made aware of who would be represented at subworkgroups. Ms. Davis indicated that staff can provide Board members with additional information about subworkgroups.

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the NOIRAs for the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR), Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR), Manufactured Home Safety Regulations

(MHSR), and the Virginia Certification Standards (VCS).

2018 Code Change Cycle Schedule	Mr. Johnston noted two changes to the 2018 Code Change Cycle Schedule. On a motion properly made and seconded the Board unanimously approved the updated schedule.
Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business to be discussed.
New Business	There was no new business to be discussed.
Adjournment	Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.