

1 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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10 A virtual hearing for the Department of Housing  
11 and Community Development was held on Friday, June  
12 26, at 10 a.m. before Colleen Good, Certified Court  
13 Reporter and Notary Public in and for the  
14 Commonwealth of Virginia.  
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1 MEMBERS PRESENT:  
2 Steve Semones, Chair  
3 STAFF PRESENT:  
4 Kyle Flanders  
5 Cody Anderson  
6 Erik Johnston  
7 Stephen Reynolds

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STEVE SEMONES: Okay, good morning, everyone. I'm hereby opening the public hearing for the Board of Housing and Community Development on June 26th, at 10:05 a.m.

Before we get started, Kyle Flanders with DHCD is going to give us a few ground rules. Please everyone if you are already on the phone or on your computer, please be sure to mute your microphones at this time. Once we start the public hearing it's going to be extremely difficult for everybody to hear and experience the meeting with open mics. So Kyle.

KYLE FLANDERS: Thank you, Steve. I'm Kyle Flanders with DHCD. I'm just going to read one brief statement regarding the electronic public meeting.

Due to the Governor's declared state of emergency due to COVID-19, it's impracticable and unsafe for the Board of Housing and Community Development to assemble in a single location, so the public hearing and Board meeting will be held electronically by Adobe Connect pursuant to 2020 amendment to the 2019 Appropriation Act.

The purpose of the meeting is to

1 discuss and transact business required and  
2 necessary to continue operations of the Board and  
3 discharge lawful purpose, duties and  
4 responsibilities and to use the different dial-in  
5 and links provided to attend electronically. The  
6 Board will make available a recording of  
7 transcript of the meeting on the website in  
8 accordance with the timeframes established in the  
9 Code of Virginia.

10 A couple of additional things, the  
11 meeting will be, the meeting and public hearing  
12 will be recorded and the public hearing will be  
13 transcribed. Votes will be taken by roll call, we  
14 request everyone state -- request everyone state  
15 their name before they speak, and the minutes will  
16 state the nature of the emergency and the fact  
17 that this meeting was held by electronic means.  
18 With that, I'm going to give it over to Stephen  
19 for just kind of a quick 5 minute overview of  
20 Adobe before we get started with the public  
21 hearing.

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23 STEVE SEMONES: At this point it's my  
24 pleasure to welcome the members of the Board of  
25 Housing and Community Development and the Virginia

1 Fire Services, Virginia Fire Services Board that  
2 are present today.

3 Before we begin to receive comment I  
4 would like to explain how the hearing will be  
5 conducted. We will begin with comment from the  
6 Fire Code, followed by the Building Code, next the  
7 Amusement Device Regulations, and last the  
8 Industrialized Building Safety Regulations.

9 We will begin by calling on  
10 individuals that have already signed up to  
11 comment, then open the floor anyone else who  
12 wishes to comment.

13 If you haven't previously expressed a  
14 desire to comment, please enter your name and the  
15 regulations you wish to comment on in the chat  
16 box. We will also check for anyone calling in  
17 before moving on to comment on the next code.

18 Comments offered by a previous  
19 speaker need not be repeated. The speaker may  
20 establish their position on any point simply by  
21 referring to the earlier statement which expresses  
22 his or her position. We ask that each speaker  
23 limit remarks to 2 minutes due to the number of  
24 people we expect to comment on the various issues.

25 We welcome the submission of written

1 statements as well, in such cases, oral comments  
2 are not necessarily. The Board will review all  
3 written materials that are submitted. If you have  
4 written statements, please send them to Kyle  
5 Flanders and the email should be entered in the  
6 chat bar.

7 We will receive public comment for  
8 proposed regulations in this order: First, the  
9 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, next the  
10 USBC, then VADR, and last IBSR. Again, one final  
11 reminder, with everybody on the call right now,  
12 please if you have signed up to speak, please pay  
13 attention as the names are being called, as Kyle  
14 calls your name to speak and provide comment,  
15 please again be sure your mics are muted until  
16 it's your turn to speak, and with that I open the  
17 public hearing and call the first speaker  
18 regarding the Statewide Fire Prevention Code.  
19 Kyle?

20 KYLE FLANDERS: At this time I don't  
21 have anyone previously signed up to speak on the  
22 fire code. I'm going to see if anything came  
23 through in the emails just now. I'm not seeing  
24 anything in the emails that just came through. Is  
25 there anybody in the audience who would like to

1 speak on the fire code today?

2 ERIK JOHNSTON: Hey Kyle, this is  
3 Erik, we're going to put that in the chat bar as  
4 well.

5 STEVE SEMONES: And again, as Stephen  
6 mentioned earlier, if you do have a comment to  
7 make, use the raise your hand pull down and let us  
8 know if you'd like to make a comment.

9 KYLE FLANDERS: Okay, Jonathan  
10 Sergeant. Jonathan, would you like to speak on  
11 the fire code? Jonathan Sergeant, would you like  
12 to speak on the fire code?

13 Is there anyone else who would like  
14 to speak on the Statewide Fire Prevention Code?

15 STEVE SEMONES: Kyle, I believe Eric  
16 has his hand up.

17 KYLE FLANDERS: I had him previously  
18 signed up to speak on the building code. Eric,  
19 did you want to speak on the fire code as well?  
20 Okay, I don't believe we have anyone who has  
21 expressed a desire to speak on the fire code.

22 STEVE SEMONES: Okay, if we have no  
23 speakers on the Statewide Fire Prevention Code.  
24 We will close that portion and move to the first  
25 speaker for the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

1 Kyle.

2 KYLE FLANDERS: Tim Stevens, are you  
3 present either online or on the phone? No. Okay,  
4 we will check back with Tim Stevens at the end.  
5 William Penniman?

6 WILLIAM PENNIMAN: Yesterday I  
7 submitted to Kyle written comments for the  
8 Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club, Faith  
9 Alliance for Climate Solutions and the Climate  
10 Action Alliance of the Valley concerning the  
11 building code proposals and what needs to be done  
12 going forward. I urge you to read them closely.  
13 I will be submitting proposals through the CDP VA  
14 process by the July 3 deadline.

15 Let me just summarize three points  
16 from the comments that we submitted. First, since  
17 the proposal was issued in December a great deal  
18 has happened, there has been a legislative sea  
19 change.

20 The legislature and the governor  
21 recognize that climate change is a serious threat  
22 to Virginia and it needs to be addressed swiftly.

23 They also recognize that energy  
24 efficiency is a critical part of the strategy to  
25 address climate change and to protect the health,



1 safety and welfare of Virginians with respect to  
2 the cost of their energy. In other words to lower  
3 their energy costs, which is particularly  
4 important for low and moderate income individuals.

5 They've committed to over a billion  
6 dollars of spending on energy efficiency, and  
7 building codes need to make those kind of savings  
8 built in from the beginning.

9 Second, your December 16 proposal  
10 needs to be amended in important ways. First, you  
11 need to adopt the full 2018 IECC without weakening  
12 amendments, and second you need to go beyond that.

13 We've recommended several measures  
14 which improve energy efficiency consistent with  
15 other more recent IECC provisions and since this,  
16 this new regulation won't take effect until 2021,  
17 you should be considering some of the 2021  
18 features already.

19 The third point I want to make is the  
20 DHCD needs to reform its approach to reviewing the  
21 building code in a couple of fundamental ways.

22 First it needs to have a clear policy  
23 that the full IECC will be promptly implemented  
24 unless somebody provides and supports a beneficial  
25 alternative that achieves energy efficiency equal

1 to or greater than the most recent IECC.

2 No group should be able to delay or  
3 reduce energy efficiency progress which will come  
4 at the cost of residents of all the dwellings  
5 built in that period.

6 STEVE SEMONES: Mr. Penniman, you  
7 have 15 seconds.

8 WILLIAM PENNIMAN: That's all I need.  
9 Second, the IECC efficiency improvement should be  
10 adopted promptly, not years later. That is  
11 important both for addressing climate pollution  
12 and for reducing energy costs to consumers.

13 So I look forward to working with you  
14 further. Thank you for the time, and I also  
15 wanted to say thank you to Kyle Flanders and  
16 Richard Potts for having spent time on the phone  
17 and on email helping me to understand the  
18 processes of the BHCD. Thank you very much.

19 STEVE SEMONES: Thank you. And just  
20 for the folks that are making public comment, this  
21 is Chairman Semones. We are keeping time. We had  
22 a timer in the upper right-hand corner that  
23 doesn't appear to be working right this minute, so  
24 I will be keeping time digitally on the two  
25 minutes, and we will try to give you a 15 second

1 warning. So I apologize for interrupting you, but  
2 I wanted to give you a 15 second warning as you  
3 get close. Kyle.

4 KYLE FLANDERS: Thank you. The next  
5 speaker on the building code will be Eric  
6 Goplerud, apologies if I mispronounced that. I  
7 think Eric had had his hand raised earlier. Eric?  
8 Okay, we'll try back again for Eric at the end.

9 Let's go ahead and move to the next  
10 speaker Laura Baker if you're here.

11 LAURA BAKER: Hi, good morning. Can  
12 you hear me?

13 STEVE SEMONES: Yes.

14 LAURA BAKER: Great. Okay, good  
15 morning. My name is Laura Baker. I am with  
16 Responsible Energy Code Alliance. I'm also a  
17 Virginia resident and I live in Arlington County.

18 I spoke to you all last year to  
19 strongly encourage the Board to use the 2018 IECC  
20 as the base code as you can consider updating the  
21 USBC, today our goal is still to bring Virginia  
22 Solar to the 2018 IECC.

23 The past few code cycles, Virginia  
24 has been lagging behind the national standard due  
25 to some legacy weakening amendments which has been

1 lingering too long if the code isn't updated.

2 I'm happy to report that we made some  
3 progress in the current cycle. For example, we  
4 came to a compromise with other stakeholders which  
5 will institute a mandatory air leakage test for  
6 all new homes built in Virginia. This will not  
7 only save energy but will also contribute to  
8 healthier indoor air quality and resiliency. We  
9 also got Common Ground to require certificates  
10 that will disclose key efficiency information to  
11 homeowners.

12 One area, however, that we haven't  
13 been able to find compromise on is improved wall  
14 and ceiling insulation standards for residential  
15 construction. We think it's time to move forward  
16 to the insulation level that is in IECC, but not  
17 in Virginia's code since the 2012 IECC, while most  
18 stakeholders have agreed that it is well past time  
19 for Virginia to catch up to the National Model  
20 Code level with insulation, a few stakeholders  
21 have opposed any improvements.

22 We are coming to you this cycle to  
23 ask for the Board to include the 2018 insulation  
24 standards. These standards aren't new. They have  
25 been in the code since 2012. Those levels have

1 actually increased in the upcoming 2021 IECC but  
2 we aren't asking for those levels.

3 To put this into perspective, based  
4 on data from the U.S. Census Bureau we estimate  
5 that more than 90,000 single family homes have  
6 been constructed in the Commonwealth since 2015  
7 under building standards which haven't matched the  
8 national code.

9 These homes are likely to remain  
10 under insulated for their full expected useful  
11 life which is typically 70 to 100 years. How many  
12 more thousands should miss out on the cost savings  
13 and increase the comfort resulting from improved  
14 insulation. We will continue to press for these  
15 improvements through the appropriate work groups,  
16 but ultimately it will be up to the Board as to  
17 whether to catch up to the national standards. We  
18 believe Virginia should not only keep pace, but be  
19 a leader on energy efficiency.

20 Just a quick note, today excepted I  
21 think that generally the shift moving online has  
22 been pretty smooth, and we really commend the DHCD  
23 staff for facilitating this move online and we  
24 strongly encourage Virginia to stay on track with  
25 this adoption scheduled given all the hard work

1 that has already been done and continues to be  
2 done. Anyways, we look forward to continue to be  
3 a resource for you, and thank you for your time.

4 STEVE SEMONES: Thank you.

5 KYLE FLANDERS: We'll try Eric one  
6 more time. If you aren't able to -- looks like  
7 he's going to go through the chat I think.

8 Okay, Jeff Mang will be the next  
9 speaker on the building code.

10 JEFF MANG: Thank you. Can everyone  
11 hear me?

12 STEVE SEMONES: Yes.

13 JEFF MANG: Okay. Thank you. My  
14 name is Jeff Mang. I'm a manager at the law firm  
15 Hogan Lovells, and my remarks here today are on  
16 behalf of the Polyisocyanurate Insulation  
17 Manufacturer's Association, PIMA.

18 As part of Virginia's building code  
19 review and energy sub-work group which formed last  
20 year, for the purpose of reaching consensus on a  
21 wide range of issues related to the energy code  
22 including how the energy code applies to  
23 alterations and existing buildings.

24 This sub-work group accomplished a  
25 lot, although some issues related to the

1 residential energy standards remains unresolved,  
2 as you just heard for Laura Baker.

3 So with respect to these residential  
4 energy requirements, FEMA is in agreement with the  
5 RECA statement that was given, and I would say  
6 that the residential energy code requirements are  
7 cost effective and long overdue.

8 An important accomplishment of the  
9 energy sub-work group has been the development of  
10 a compromise related to building renovations,  
11 although everyone had a different starting  
12 position on this topic when the process started  
13 last year, the sub-work group members were able to  
14 develop a compromise that both encourages the  
15 reuse of buildings and takes advantage of cost  
16 effective opportunities to improve, to improving  
17 energy efficiency, this compromises EB 601.4 (3)  
18 and is sponsored by RECA.

19 The compromise was vetted by a broad  
20 group of stakeholders and was agreed to by the  
21 sub-work group on March 31 of this year. The  
22 final compromise appears to have no opposition, so  
23 we are hopeful that the proposal will receive  
24 consensus at the next week's work group number 2  
25 meeting, but if it doesn't for some reason, then

1 we urge the Board to approve that compromise when  
2 they have that opportunity later this year.

3 And lastly I'd like to thank the  
4 department staff for (inaudible) I just want to  
5 thank department staff for organizing and finding  
6 an open code with due process and I think it  
7 really encouraged collaboration, so thank you.

8 STEVE SEMONES: Thank you.

9 KYLE FLANDERS: Next on the building  
10 code we have Mike Coppa. Are you here, Mike?

11 MIKE COPPA: Present. My name is  
12 Mike Coppa, I'm a licensed architect in Virginia,  
13 a state building official. My staff participated  
14 in the work on the code and I would -- I have  
15 prepared remarks that I submitted to Kyle. Thank  
16 you for your help, Kyle. It allowed me to figure  
17 that out, and I would urge the Board to read my  
18 logic in the interest of time from beginning and  
19 end of my statement and do not modify Virginia  
20 Construction Code 1010.1.4.4 to permit barricade  
21 devices.

22 The Virginia 2019 Uncodified Acts,  
23 Chapter 723 requiring examination of various  
24 safety and security measures to utilize in the  
25 event of an active shooter or hostile threat, but



1 did not mandate barricade devices or changes to  
2 the Virginia Construction Code, and in my  
3 statement I give you logic as to why I believe  
4 that that is inappropriate, and then allowing  
5 barricade devices impedes egress in a building,  
6 imposes life and fire safety risks that do not  
7 exist now and result in a direct contradiction of  
8 the intent of the international recognized  
9 consensus life and fire safety concepts.

10 Do not modify Virginia Construction  
11 Code barricade devices that impede building  
12 egress, and that's pretty much -- I wanted to make  
13 sure that Chairman Semones heard that and I would  
14 urge you to read the logic and that's it for me.  
15 Thank you.

16 KYLE FLANDERS: Our next speaker  
17 signed up is Andrew Clark. Okay. We'll check  
18 back again with Andrew. Then the next speaker is  
19 Andrew Grigsby.

20 ANDREW GRIGSBY: Hi, can you hear me?

21 STEVE SEMONES: Yes.

22 ANDREW GRIGSBY: Good morning. My  
23 name is Andrew Grigsby. I speak today as a  
24 private individual. I started home building as a  
25 carpenter's helper more than 30 years ago and I

1 have been part of the construction industry in  
2 various ways through most of my professional life.

3 I also speak as a citizen who wants  
4 good government that enables a thriving economy,  
5 in part with clear standards that follow the best  
6 available science.

7 And I must speak up as a father of  
8 two boys who like all of us need a healthy planet  
9 to live on and healthy communities to live in.

10 I'm speaking about the energy code  
11 and much has already been said. I'll sum up my  
12 additional remarks to say that Board members, you  
13 will soon be presented with a proposal coming out  
14 of the stakeholder process to have Virginia catch  
15 up with the 2012 code, as been mentioned, by  
16 adopting the 2018 IECC.

17 I ask you to be prepared to support  
18 that proposal. This is long overdue, in part  
19 because, as I said, so much that's in the 2018  
20 code has been, was part of the 2012 IECC so  
21 Virginians have been missing out on for years and  
22 here are just a few reasons to support the 2018  
23 IECC. For affordability, because smart efficiency  
24 measures such as are in the code, reduce and make  
25 more predictable total cost of housing, make

1 housing more affordable.

2 For jobs, in all Virginia, as it  
3 takes labor to build higher quality more valuable  
4 homes that also have improved air quality.

5 For resiliency because energy  
6 efficiency is the key element to the path of  
7 survivability and makes Virginia more resilient  
8 during a disaster and for neighborhood stability,  
9 because home operating costs reduce mortgage  
10 defaulting.

11 Here are just a few numbers: Eight  
12 years ago the Department of Energy calculated that  
13 updating to the 2012 IECC would obtain on average  
14 life cycle cost savings of \$5,836 in one year of  
15 ownership. The basic principle is just that  
16 quality, energy efficient construction makes  
17 housing more affordable, and now during the  
18 economic recession we could have been saving money  
19 all those years since 2012. And I ask for you to  
20 learn as much as you can about this between now  
21 and the time you will vote on this proposal.  
22 Thank you.

23 STEVE SEMONES: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Grigsby.

25 KYLE FLANDERS: We are going to check

1 one more time to see if Tim Stevens is here. He  
2 jumped out and came back.

3 Okay. I'm going to go ahead and read  
4 a statement on behalf of Eric, excuse me if I  
5 mispronounce your name, Goplerud. He's the Board  
6 Chair of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

7 Good morning, I'm Eric Goplerud,  
8 Board Chair of the Faith Alliance for Climate  
9 Solutions, a non-partisan interfaith organization  
10 of more than 75 faith communities and 2400 faith  
11 based activists in Northern Virginia.

12 We recommend adoption of the 2018  
13 IECC without exception for new residential  
14 construction. Residences consume 25 percent of  
15 the state's total energy.

16 Many states, including Maryland, D.C.  
17 and North Carolina have more rigorous residential  
18 energy efficiency standards than ours, the ACEEE,  
19 ranks us 29th, below even Florida, Texas and  
20 Nevada.

21 We urge you to adopt these changes,  
22 meet or exceed 2018 IECC standards for floor,  
23 wall, ceiling and fenestration insulation. Limit  
24 air infiltration to three air changes per hour or  
25 less. The IECC standards from 2012, as standards

1 are strengthened, the Board should emulate  
2 Maryland, which requires new IECC standards be  
3 adopted within 12 months of their publication.

4 The Governor's Executive Order 43  
5 directs the DHCD to enhance building code. The  
6 Virginia Clean Energy Act directs the DHCD to  
7 reduce the energy burden on low income Virginians,  
8 half of revenues generated by RGGI auctions must  
9 be devoted to low income energy efficiency.

10 The governor and legislature want to  
11 improve residential energy efficiency, being the  
12 current IECC standards would add .7 percent to new  
13 home prices in Virginia. Homeowners would recoup  
14 that within 5.5 years.

15 The Board already adopted the current  
16 IECC standards for new commercial construction,  
17 multi-unit dwellings and renovations of existing  
18 commercial and residential buildings. Only new  
19 residential construction is the exception.

20 It is time for the Board to make  
21 Virginia's commercial and residential code  
22 consistent with international standards.

23 And that's the end of Mr. Goplerud's  
24 testimony and then we'll go back to Andrew Clark.

25 ANDREW CLARK: Can you hear me all

1 right?

2 STEVE SEMONES: Yes.

3 ANDREW CLARK: All right, perfect.  
4 Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, Andrew Clark  
5 with the Home Builder's Association of Virginia.  
6 I want to reiterate some of the comments that were  
7 already brought up.

8 I think despite what I think was  
9 written in an opinion piece in the Virginia  
10 Mercury, the Board has actually done a pretty  
11 significant amount of work in the space of energy  
12 efficiency and resiliency as a result of the  
13 governor's executive order, the resiliency  
14 sub-work group and has advanced about 15 code  
15 proposals that will be making their way to the  
16 Board. About eight or nine of those of which have  
17 the full support of the HBAV.

18 When it comes to the energy  
19 efficiency, as Laura mentioned earlier, in 2015  
20 and in this code cycle this year, I think we've  
21 done a lot of work to find compromise and  
22 consensus to make substantial, significant  
23 improvements in energy efficiency in buildings in  
24 the Commonwealth. So I think really we haven't  
25 been stagnant on those fronts.

1                   Second point, and I'll submit written  
2 comments in totality, but, you know, our  
3 association and our industry doesn't make  
4 decisions on codes on cost alone.

5                   In fact very rarely do you see actual  
6 proposals that decrease the cost of construction.  
7 Most of the time they increase the cost of  
8 construction or they're neutral, and so we've  
9 supported a lot of proposals that do in fact  
10 increase the cost of new residential single family  
11 and multi-family buildings in the Commonwealth.

12                   So as a kind of a closing thought,  
13 the Board is in a very difficult position to  
14 balance the prospectives of various stakeholders  
15 and there is no question that our code has to  
16 evolve with the latest and greatest in building  
17 science, but we've also got to come to the reality  
18 that there is a real housing affordability issue  
19 in the Commonwealth, and the decisions made by the  
20 Board directly impact that, and it's a fact of  
21 life that becomes, in Virginia, our keeping pace  
22 with rent and sale prices, between land costs,  
23 labor costs, materials, the process to go through,  
24 the local zoning process, local zoning approval,  
25 is becoming almost impossible to deliver housing

1 options to the market that folks across the income  
2 spectrum actually hit.

3 So non-profit housing that started  
4 severing at 50-60-80 percent AMI, we've now had  
5 to, because of the rising cost of construction,  
6 bump up and serve folks at a higher percent of AMI  
7 and the same with the private sectors.

8 In 2019 a Harvard analysis showed  
9 that the price of the lowest cost of homes rose  
10 6.9 percent, in the last quarter of 2018 and  
11 that's just one quarter.

12 And so we've got a real reckoning in  
13 Virginia. I think it's become obvious and more  
14 clear in the last couple of months, that we need  
15 to do something not only to advance energy  
16 efficiency, but to balance that with the need to  
17 create inclusive communities that aren't just, you  
18 know, putting folks of different incomes and  
19 different parts of localities and different parts  
20 of the state, so it's been I think a really  
21 productive code process and we're going to  
22 continue working with some of the other  
23 stakeholders on things like wall and ceiling  
24 insulation. We've been doing extensive meetings  
25 trying to figure out --



1                   STEVE SEMONES: Mr. Clark, we need  
2 you to wrap up.

3                   ANDREW CLARK: All right. Well, so,  
4 to conclude, I think we've gotten a lot done.  
5 We're going to continue that vein of compromise  
6 and try to find common ground, but I just ask the  
7 Board to really consider all these code proposals  
8 and how they interact with the various other  
9 inputs that are impacting housing affordability.  
10 Thank you, and my apologies for going a little bit  
11 long.

12                   STEVE SEMONES: Thank you.

13                   KYLE FLANDERS: Mr. Chairman, at this  
14 time I don't have anyone else registered, it  
15 doesn't look like -- one more person on the chat  
16 maybe?

17                   STEVE SEMONES: Anyone else wishing  
18 to speak on the Uniform Statewide Building Code?  
19 Again, just a reminder, we are taking written  
20 comments either through the chat or off line to  
21 Kyle Flanders' email address at DHCD.

22                   All right, seeing none, we will close  
23 that portion and we will move to comments on the  
24 Amusement Device Regulations, and so we will call  
25 the first speaker of the Virginia Amusement Device

1 Regulations. Kyle?

2 KYLE FLANDERS: Mr. Chairman, I do  
3 not have anyone signed up to speak on the  
4 Amusement Device Regulation today. Is there  
5 anyone else in the audience, please raise your  
6 hand or turn to chat, please.

7 STEVE SEMONES: All right, any  
8 individuals wishing to speak on the Virginia  
9 Amusement Device Regulations? Last call.

10 Okay. Seeing none, we'll move on.

11 Now, we would like to call the first  
12 speaker for the Industrialized Building Safety  
13 Regulations. Kyle?

14 KYLE FLANDERS: Mr. Chairman, I do  
15 not have anyone signed up for the Industrialized  
16 Building Safety Regulations either.

17 STEVE SEMONES: If anybody on our  
18 call today wishes to speak to this, please raise  
19 your hand.

20 All right, seeing none, last call for  
21 the Industrialized Building Safety Regulations.  
22 Anyone wishing to speak?

23 All right, we will close that.

24 Are there any other persons on our  
25 call today wishing to speak regarding the issues

1 of which this public hearing was convened?  
2 Anybody want to follow up on any of the four that  
3 we've just spoken about?

4 All right, seeing none. The hearing  
5 is now concluded. All comments will be taken  
6 under advisement by the Board. I would like to  
7 reemphasize that any written statements received  
8 will be considered by the Board and from the  
9 Chair's position here, I would to thank everybody  
10 for your patience as we work through this.

11 As we all know, in the times that  
12 we're in, that the technology has been good, but  
13 it has been challenging at some points as well, so  
14 thank you to Steve and the DHCD and the rest of  
15 the DHCD staff for getting this set up this way.

16 Kyle's email is down below in the  
17 chat rooms, and just a reminder to submit any  
18 written comments to Kyle at his email address  
19 below, [Kyle.flanders@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:Kyle.flanders@dhcd.virginia.gov).

20 With that we will close the public  
21 hearing and we'll move on to open the Board of  
22 Housing and Community Development regular meeting  
23 for June 26th, 2020.

24 (The public hearing concluded at 11:17 a.m.)  
25