

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
MEETING**

**10:00 A.M., October 19, 2020**

**Digital Meeting Only**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency and the need to provide social distancing and prohibit large gatherings, the meeting was held electronically in accordance with the State of Emergency Declared by the Governor and the 2020 amendments to the Appropriations Act. The meeting was held via Google Meet.**

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi  
Claudia Cotton  
Susan Dewey  
Sean Farrell  
Andrew Friedman  
Richard Gregory  
Sylvia Hallock  
Mark Jackson  
Abigail Johnson  
Keith Johnson  
Monique Johnson  
Brett Meringoff  
Patricia “Patty” Shields (arrived at 10:30 a.m.)

Members Absent

Mimi Elrod

Call to Order

Mr. Sonny Abbasi, Chair of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (DHCD) Policy Office read a brief opening statement.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Flanders. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mr. Abbasi noted procedures for offering public comment and recognized Mr. Flanders to call the speakers.

Admiral Ann Phillips spoke on behalf of the Chief Resilience Officer and the Secretary of Natural Resources expressing support for all resiliency proposals.

Kerry Sutton of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) spoke in support of several proposals including 440 and 441 regarding special inspections and testing for structural concrete.

Steve Szoke of ACI spoke in support of proposal 442 as related to ACI 562 and the Virginia Existing Building Code and proposal 440 and 441 regarding special inspections and testing for structural concrete.

Eric Koehler of Titan American and the Ready Mix Concrete Association spoke in support of proposal 441 regarding special inspections.

T.R. Fluker speaking on behalf of ACI Virginia spoke in favor of proposal 440 and 441 regarding testing and special inspections.

William Gaspar, registered design professional and member of Virginia ACI spoke in support of proposal 440 and 441 regarding special inspections and testing for structural concrete. He also spoke in support of proposal 442 as related to ACI 562 and the Virginia Existing Building Code.

Tom Cohn, Executive Director of WACEL (Washington Area Council on Engineering Laboratories), spoke in support of proposal 441 regarding testing and special inspections.

Keith Kesner of CVM engineers spoke in support of proposal 442 as related to ACI 562 of the Virginia Existing Building Code.

Aaron Rickel of Dunbar Milby Williams Pittman & Vaughan, PLLC spoke in support of proposal 442 related to ACI 562.

David Smith of Eaton spoke in support of proposal AFCI RTE3902.16(1)-18 regarding Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters.

William Penniman of the Sierra Club spoke in support of the energy efficiency proposals he submitted and that were endorsed by the Sierra Club.

Susan Stillman spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 International Energy Conversation Code (IECC) standards noting equity for future renters and owners.

Eric Goplerud, Board Chair of Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC standards.

Frederick Krimgold, former Dean of Virginia Tech and Consultant to the World Bank, spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC standards.

Judy Gayer spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC as well as proposals that support electric vehicle readiness.

Ivy Main spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC specifically supporting proposals supporting solar readiness.

Natalie Pien spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 International Energy Conversation Code (IECC) standards noting equity for future renters and owners.

Kathie Hoekstra, speaking in her personal capacity, spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC as well as a proposal eliminating resistance heat.

Bob Shipee spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC as well as a proposals supporting electric vehicle readiness.

Ross Shearer spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC noting stakeholder discussions and different supporters.

Amy Bergner, member of the Virginia Grassroots Coalition, spoke in favor of adoption of the 2018 IECC noting positive impact to utility costs and climate. Ms. Bergner also spoke regarding adoption of proposals clarifying net zero marketing.

Tim O'Mara, member of Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action, spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC and proposals eliminating onsite combustion.

Kathleen Nawaz spoke in support of adoption of the 2018 IECC. Short of full adoption, Ms. Nawaz expressed specific support for building envelope and air change proposals. She also spoke in favor of electric vehicle readiness proposals.

Sharon Shutler, member of the Virginia Grassroots Coalition, spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC. Specifically noting energy efficiency and equity concerns. Ms. Shutler expressed support for proposals allowing options as well as proposals clarifying net zero marketing.

Michelle Winters, Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions, spoke in favor of the proposal easing the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units.

Faith Harris, Interim Director of Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC.

Andrew Grigsby, speaking as a citizen, spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC.

Nancy Najarian, spoke in support of adopting the 2018 IECC. Ms. Najarian also spoke in support of proposals opposing primary resistance heat sources and onsite combustion heat.

Jonathan Morgenstein, speaking in a personal capacity, spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC. Mr. Morgenstein also spoke in favor of adopting electric vehicle readiness proposals. He also noted equity impacts of energy efficiency.

John Catlett, of Catlett Code Consulting speaking on behalf of the American Wood Council and Booster fuels regarding tall wood buildings and mobile fueling respectively.

Walton Shepherd, speaking on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC. Mr. Shepherd also spoke in favor of electric readiness proposals including electric vehicle readiness.

James Moss, President of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association (VBCOA), spoke on behalf of VBCOA endorsing all consensus proposals and applauding the work of stakeholders.

David Beahm commented on Virginia's code adoption indicating support of consensus items and noting that non-consensus items should not move forward.

Andrew Clark, spoke on behalf of the Homebuilder's Association of Virginia (HBAV) speaking in favor of adoption of consensus proposals regarding fire safety, resiliency, and energy efficiency.

Kidest Gebre of Virginia Interfaith Power and Light spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC.

Shaun Pharr, speaking on behalf of the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metro Washington and the Virginia Apartment Management Association spoke in favor of adopting consensus proposals.

Kenney Payne, speaking on behalf of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), encouraged the Board to disapprove proposal EB202.2 (2) regarding change of occupancy and to approve proposal EB704.1. Mr. Payne also encouraged approval of B905.5.3 and disapproval of proposals 916 and 918.1 and a portion of 1612.4.

Andrew Milliken, Deputy Fire Chief for Stafford County and member of the Fire Services Board Codes and Standards Subcommittee, spoke regarding the significant consensus during the fire code edit process and noted consideration of certain specific non-consensus items including in building communication systems.

Leah Jones of Virginia Interfaith Power and Light spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC

Mike O'Connor, President of the Virginia Petroleum and Convenience Marketer's Association (VPCMA), spoke in favor of disapproval of the mobile fueling proposal.

Joy Loving of the Climate Action Alliance of the Valley spoke in favor of adopting the 2018 IECC as well as proposals supporting the electric readiness. She also endorsed the comments of Mr. Milliken regarding the importance of Code.

Jeff Shapiro of International Code Consultants spoke in support of a proposal regarding habitable attics.

Chelsea Harnish, Executive Director of the Virginia Efficiency Council (VAEEC), spoke in favor of the consensus energy efficiency proposals.

Mr. Abbasi offered an additional opportunity for any additional comments.

Mr. Jackson motioned to temporarily adjourn at 11:50 to conduct the business of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee and the Codes and Standards Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion passed. (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Abstentions: None; Nays: None)

Call to order

After temporarily adjourning Mr. Abbasi called the Board to order at 6:15 p.m.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Sean Farrell and properly seconded by Mr. Brett Meringoff to approve the minutes of the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board of Housing and Community Development meeting. The motion passed. (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None)

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee.

Mr. Meringoff provided a report of the Codes and Standards Committee.

The recommendation of the committee to approve code changes for inclusion in the final regulations was presented to the committee as a standing motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. K. Johnson.

There was discussion on the motion in reference to the committee's approval of a proposal regarding sprinkler requirements. The motion passed. (Yeas: Dewey, Friedman, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Shields; Abstentions: Meringoff; Nays: Abbasi, Cotton, Gregory, Farrell)

Reports and Information	Ms. Susan Dewey, Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Housing, gave updates on the Rent and Mortgage Relief Program and the Virginia Housing Strategic Plan.
Director's Report	Mr. Johnston thanked all those engaged in the Code Development process.
Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business.
New Business	There was no new business.
Board Matters	Board members were directed to contact Mr. Flanders if they are interested in attending the Governor's Housing Conference.
Future Board Meeting Dates	Mr. Johnston noted that the next Board meeting will take place on December 14 <sup>th</sup> , at 10:00 a.m.
Adjournment	Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.