

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Codes and Standards Committee

January 26, 2024

12:09 P.M.

Glen Allen, VA

Members Present

Richard Gregory
Sylvia Hallock
Roger Jones
Larry Murphy
Mark Trostle
Janet Wiglesworth

Members Absent

Louie Berbert
Claudia Cotton
Sean Farrell
Lynne Goldberg
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
J.M. Snell
Scott Stosser

Call to Order

Mr. Richard Gregory, Chair of the Codes and Standards Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Chase Sawyer of the Department of Housing and Community Development Policy Office. Mr. Sawyer reported that a quorum was not present. Since a quorum was not present, Mr. Sawyer informed members that the Board would not be able to take actions on any items on the agenda and all actionable items would be deferred to the next meeting of the Board, scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Regulatory Review
Process and Executive
Order 19

Ms. Trisha Lindsey, DHCD Policy and Legislative Director, provided an overview of the regulatory process and the regulatory reduction requirements of Executive Order 19 (2022).

Ms. Cindy Davis, DHCD Deputy Director, Building and Fire Regulations, provided an update on the proposed timeline for a 2021 special regulatory reduction code cycle.

Mr. Jeff Brown, DHCD State Building Codes Office Director, gave an update on staff efforts to comply with Executive Order 19 (2022), including assessing the regulations associated with the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR), and Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR). Mr. Brown highlighted certain sections of the USBC, not related to health, safety, and welfare, that contain

regulations that could be simplified, modified, or reduced in order to achieve the goals of Executive Order 19.

The Board discussed the regulatory process and the requirements of Executive Order 19 as it relates to the regulations promulgated by the Board.

Mr. Larry Murphy voiced concerns with rewriting the 2021 codes and that the special code cycle will affect legitimate regulations worth protecting.

Ms. Sylvia Hallock voiced concerns that regulatory reduction efforts will reverse the hard work of the Board to improve accessibility and affordability.

Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Codes and Standards Committee meeting was adjourned.