

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
Codes and Standards Committee  
MEETING**

**11:35 A.M., December 14, 2020**

**Digital Only Meeting**

**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  
Abby Johnson  
Keith Johnson  
Monique Johnson  
Brett Meringoff  
Patricia “Patty” Shields

Members Absent

Call to Order

Mr. Brett Meringoff, Chair of the Board of Housing and Community Development Codes and Standards Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:35 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 by Mr. Sonny Abbasi and properly seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020, meeting of the Committee; the motion passed. (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None; Abstentions: Dewey, Hallock, M. Johnson).

Final Regulations

Mr. Meringoff presented the recommendation of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee to recommend adoption of the final regulation for the Statewide Fire Prevention Code

(SFPC). The recommendation was presented as a standing motion. Mr. K. Johnson seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion to recommend adoption to the joint Virginia Fire Services Board and Board of Housing and Community Development passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None; Abstentions: None).

A motion was made by the Mr. K. Johnson and seconded by Ms. A. Johnson to recommend adoption of the final regulation for the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) as presented. After discussion, a substitute motion to replace the standing motion was made by Ms. Cotton to consider adoption of the USBC without regulations requiring fire sprinklers in townhomes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dewey. After further discussion, Ms. Cotton withdrew her motion. Mr. Abbasi offered a substitute motion to replace the main motion recommending approval of the USBC without the requirement for fire sprinklers in townhomes and also directing staff to convene a subworkgroup and act with diligence to resolve the matter. The substitute motion was seconded by Ms. Dewey. The substitute motion passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Gregory, Hallock, M. Johnson, Meringoff; Nays: Friedman, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, Shields). The new primary motion to approve the USBC without regulations requiring fire sprinklers in townhomes with the addition of direction to staff to convene a subworkgroup and act with diligence to resolve the matter was seconded by Mr. Farrell. During discussion, Mr. Jackson noted interest in continuing to pursue adoption of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code without amendments. After discussion, the original motion to recommend adoption to the full Board passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, M. Johnson, Shields, Meringoff; Nays: K. Johnson; Abstentions: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to recommend adoption of final regulations for the Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR) as presented. After discussion, the motion to recommend adoption to the full Board passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None; Abstentions: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Abbasi and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend adoption of final regulations for the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR) as presented. After discussion, the motion to recommend adoption to the full Board passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None; Abstentions: None).

A motion was made by Mr. K. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend adoption of final regulations for the Virginia Certification Standards (VCS) as presented. After discussion, the motion to recommend adoption to the full Board passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None; Abstentions: None).

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Farrell to recommend adoption of final regulations for the Manufactured Home Safety Regulations (MHSR) as presented. The motion to recommend adoption to the full Board passed (Yeas: Abbasi, Cotton, Dewey, Farrell, Friedman, Gregory, Hallock, Jackson, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Meringoff, Shields; Nays: None; Abstentions: None).

Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Adjournment

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