



**VIRGINIA BUILDING & CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**VBCOA REGION VII**

**MEETING Minutes**

**WEDNESDAY June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Location: Cooks Corner Office Complex, 2893 General Puller Hwy, Saluda VA 23149**

**10:00 am CALL TO ORDER,**

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- **APPROVAL OF May 2019 MINUTES: REVIEW AT VBCOA.ORG**  
(Minutes are posted on VBCOA site in the forum section)
- **PRESENTATION: None**
- **OLD BUSINESS: None**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - An update on the recent Region Chairs Meeting was provided by Mike Eutsey, the following info was presented: VBCOA job descriptions; membership categories; possible accessibility certification by DHCD; BHCD; VBCOA is set to receive the Chapter Merit Award during the 2019 ICC Conference in Las Vegas.
  - The Region VII members voted to approve the following: the Region will pay membership dues for Steve Daum (retired Building Official for Lancaster County) as an associate member.
- **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**
  - Travis Luter and Jennifer Tolley from DHCD were present; and an update/talking points are included with these minutes.
  - Future Region VII training topics were discussed; including Truss design/install, Mi Tek presentation, presentation by Simpson Strong Tie.
  - Contractor & general public code update training events related to the 2015 USBC were discussed; including possible sites (Gloucester & New Kent Counties).
  - An update was provided by Anne Payne from Gloucester County on the ICC HSTTP.
  - Roof-Ceiling Construction changes
  - New anchor bolt requirements in the 2015 Virginia IRC
  - Corrections vs. Resubmittals for plans
  - Deck attachments for lateral loads
  - Upgrades to existing electrical systems and the GES and inter system bonding terminal requirements
  - The newer Simpson strong tie brick veneer ledger attachment
  - Code Update Training for Region 7 contractors
  - 2015 VRC P2906.9.1.4
  - 2015 VPC 603.3 Tracer Wire

- **Next Region VII meeting July 17th, 2019 from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon at the Middlesex County Cook's Corner Office Complex**

**12:00 noon ADJOURNMENT**

**HOST: Hanover County**



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## DHCD Report (Updated 6-18-2019)

- The public hearing for the proposed phase of the code change process is scheduled for Monday, July 22 at 10:00 a.m. and will end upon the completion of testimony. It will be held at the Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA, 23060. There will also be another public hearing held during the final regulation phase.
- At their March 18, 2019 meeting, the Board of Housing and Community Development adopted emergency cooling regulations within the Virginia Maintenance Code. The Governor has approved the emergency regulations and the change is effective immediately. The relevant code provision is enforceable May 15.
  - The emergency regulations alter Chapter 6 of the Virginia Maintenance Code, Section 602.4 Cooling supply, to lower from 80 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit, the maximum allowed temperature, where cooling is provided, in R-2 multifamily residences (the Virginia Administrative Code reference is 13VAC5-63-540 B 5). This provision is enforceable from May 15 until October 1.
  - The emergency regulations are effective for an initial period of 18 months. During this time, the Board of Housing and Community Development will work with stakeholders to solicit input and develop permanent regulations regarding this issue. Please contact the State Building Codes Office at [sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov) if you have any questions.
- The DHCD website has a new look and everything related to building fire regulations/code academy information can be found when clicking on “CODES”.
- Thomas King joined the State Building Codes Office as a Code & Regulation Specialist in June, transferring from the Division of Operations within DHCD. Thomas is a US Navy veteran and brings with him valuable leadership, problem solving and training development and delivery skills. He will be working in code development and assisting with other SBCO technical support services.
- Effective February 18th, the new and improved cdpVA is open for submission of code change proposals for the 2018 Code Development Cycle for the following regulations:
  - Uniform Statewide Building Code
  - Statewide Fire Prevention Code
  - Amusement Device Regulations
  - Certification Standards
  - Manufactured Home Safety Regulations
  - Industrialized Building Safety Regulations

If you have questions or need assistance please contact [sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov)

- NOIRAs for the USBC, SFPC, VADR, VCS, MHSR and IBSR were published on April 15th in the Virginia Register of Regulations, with a comment period that was open until May 15<sup>th</sup>. At their March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, the BHCD also approved a revised schedule for the 2018 code development cycle and it has been posted on cdpVA.

- The first round of workgroup meeting for the proposed regulation phase of the 2018 code development cycle wrapped up on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Each workgroup is tentatively scheduled to meet one more time before the end of August. Workgroup meetings schedules and information are posted on cdpVA:

- July 24, 2019 Workgroups One & Two Meeting
- Aug. 14, 2019 Special Workgroup (Fire Code Edits) Meeting
- Aug. 21, 2019 Workgroups Three & Four Meeting

**WORKGROUP ONE** - Administrative provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC regulations; VADR/ADTAC regulations (amusement rides); VCS/BCAAC (certification requirements); IBSR (modular buildings); MHSR (manufactured housing); Related Laws; Manufactured Housing Licensing and Transaction Recovery Fund Regulations and, other state agency's regulations for functional design.

**WORKGROUP TWO** - Technical provisions of VCC, VMC, VRC and SFPC (IBC, IFC, IEBC and IPMC and other model codes).

**WORKGROUP THREE** - Residential provisions of the VCC, including IRC model code, trades and energy.

**WORKGROUP FOUR** - Technical trade provisions of the VCC, including IPC, IMC, IFGC and NEC.

**SPECIAL WORKGROUP (FIRE CODE EDITS)** - In addition to the regular workgroup meetings, DHCD will hold two special full-day meetings for the purpose of reviewing recommended changes from the FSB sub-workgroup to the SFPC edits in Chapters 20-67.

- For the 2018 code development cycle, four specific topics were identified as warranting additional review (Residential Use Groups, Resiliency, Energy and School Safety). The sub-workgroups started meeting in April, reviewing these topics with a goal of identifying and finding consensus on any needed code changes. Sub-workgroup information is available on cdpVA. Next sub-workgroup meeting dates:
  - Residential Use Groups – May 31, 2019
  - School Safety – June 12, 2019
  - Resiliency – July 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Energy – July 18<sup>th</sup>
- At their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the State Building Code Technical Review Board (TRB) issued a formal interpretation of USBC Section 102.3, related to the exemption of wiring and equipment used to provide utility service (and their support structures). The interpretation clarified that the exemption is only applicable to traditional “Electric Companies”, and includes solar power generation facilities operated by electric companies. The interpretation further clarified that those items are exempt from the USBC, so long as they do not create an unsafe situation, are located where the utility company has rights of entry and occupancy and the electric company has control of them.
- Every jurisdiction should have also received a Dropbox link to all of the legacy codes, including every referenced model code since the inception of the USBC. If you have not, or if you have problems with retrieving the downloads, please contact Sandi Morris.

- DHCD developed a form for use by landlords related to legislation that was passed last session related to testing of smoke alarms in rental housing. The law became effective January 1, 2019. The form is available here: <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/sites/default/files/Docx/technical-memos-bulletins/2018-smoke-alarm-form-for-rental-units.pdf>
- 2019 Amusement device stickers are in so please contact Nicole Donaldson at [nicole.donaldson@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:nicole.donaldson@dhcd.virginia.gov) or 804-371-7150 to order the stickers. Please keep in mind, stickers will only be distributed to building officials. To expedite the process, when emailing or leaving a voice message for Nicole, please provide your name, mailing address, and quantity of stickers needed.
- Building Safety Month Proclamation Event was held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the VCU Institute for Contemporary Art. This year was particular special as this year is the first year that a Governor has been able to attend. Governor Ralph Northam spoke on Virginia being a leader in the development of statewide codes and the importance of the building safety creating resilient communities. The Governor presented the proclamation to the representatives of the stakeholder organizations in attendance. In addition to the Governor Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade Cassidy Rasnick and Deputy Secretary Public Safety and Homeland Security Ryant Washington were in attendance.
- The 2019 Building Safety Month Student Essay contest came to a close with a number of thoughtful and well written essays from students representing a variety of high schools, colleges, and home schools in Virginia. The selection committee all agreed on its stand out favorites and were happy to honor the five top essays. Kyle Renaux from Hampton and Grace Beattie from Midlothian High School received first and second place respectively. The honorable mentions were awarded to Arden Floyd from Orange County, Kariyah Jones from Harrisonburg, and Nathalie Williams from Keezletown.

The winners were announced during the Proclamation presentation held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the VCU Institute for Contemporary Art. Governor Northam and DHCD Director Erik Johnston congratulated each student and presented them with certificates.

Over the last couple of months regular announcements and reminders have been going out to the jurisdictions regarding the this year's Building Safety Month Jurisdiction campaign contest. We hope many more localities will submit a summary of their campaign with photos and the many ways they reached out to their communities. Winning jurisdictions will receive a day of DHCD or ICC training of their choice and lunch for their office. Contact Rajan Engh with any questions.

- 2019 VBCA schedule: The spring semester is coming to a close. The academy will be spending the summer updating content, working with subject matter experts and instructors, and preparing for the fall semester. To see the fall schedule-at-a-glance go to the downloads link or see the complete schedule by logging into your account from the VBCA Online Registration System.
- Reminder - All DHCD code enforcement certificate holders are required to complete DHCD approved Code Change Training by September 4, 2019. Code Change Training is available online through the VBCA Learning Center. If assistance is needed with accessing the VBCA learning Center, please contact the VBCA staff at 804-371-7180 or visit <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/code-change-training-cct>. If you have any questions regarding your training requirements contact the VBCA office.