



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
DCRA, 4th Floor – Conference Room E4302
10:30am – 1:00pm**

AGENDA

1. Preliminary Matters

- i. Call to Order
- ii. Roll Call
- iii. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- iv. Review and Adoption of Minutes of October 30, 2013 Special Meeting
- v. Introduction of Matt Orlins

2. Status of 2013 Construction Codes

- i. Construction Codes Approval Resolution
- ii. Next Steps

3. Introduction of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking for Board Consideration

4. Status of ICC Publication of DC Construction Codes

5. Status Update on DCMR 14 and D.C. Official Code Revisions

6. Status Update on Green Building Program Manual

7. Comments by Members of the Public

8. Adjournment



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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
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Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Board Staff Present	Other Persons Present
Paul Waters (Chair)	Herbert Taylor	Jill Stern (DCRA)	David Epley (DCRA)
Alex Berley (Vice Chair)	Curtis Clay		Matt Orlins (DCRA)
Jatinder Khokhar			
William Updike			
Rabbiah Sabbakhan			
Marc Fetterman			
Armando Lourenco			
Robert Hershey			
Ethan Landis (by phone)			

1. Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Paul Waters at 10:40 a.m. with a roll call of members and other persons present.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved by the Board, upon motion made by Bill Updike and duly seconded by Armando Lourenco.

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the Wednesday, October 30, 2013 Special Meeting were unanimously approved by the Board upon motion made by Bill Updike and duly seconded by Jatinder Khokhar.

Introduction of Matt Orlins

Paul Waters introduced Matt Orlins as the new legislative and public affairs officer at DCRA. Matt expressed enthusiasm for his new position and said that his involvement with sustainable building issues while on Councilmember Cheh's staff for over three years had been an excellent introduction to some of the activities on which he will be working at DCRA.

2. Status of 2013 Construction Codes

Paul Waters advised the Board that the 2013 District of Columbia Construction Codes had been transmitted to the Council on December 16, 2013 pursuant to the "Construction Codes Amendment Approval Resolution of 2013," the resolution will be deemed approved on March 5, 2014 without Council action, unless the new codes are disapproved by Council before that date. The new codes will become effective upon publication of a Final Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the DC Register, after March 5, 2014.

In order to coincide with adoption of the 2013 Construction Codes, Paul Waters indicated that the CCCB will consider code change proposals for inclusion in an emergency rulemaking, as discussed at the October 30, 2013 meeting. Each of these proposals is a minor revision that does not change the intent of the proposed 12 DCMR. He also indicated that DCRA expects to implement the planned 14 DCMR rulemaking, the Title 6, D.C. Official Code



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revisions, and the repeal of the Smoke Detector Act and Outdoor Grill Act, as needed to harmonize D.C. laws and regulations with the new Construction Codes. He indicated that a status update on these initiatives would be provided later in the meeting.

Bill Updike advised the Board that a plan must be submitted to the Mayor by December 31, 2014 for reviewing and potentially amending the Green Building Act (GBA). He mentioned that the CCCB would need to develop recommendations for amending the GBA and associated regulations, in order to implement this plan.

3. Introduction of New Code Change Proposals

The following new code change proposals were introduced to the Board.

Proposals	Section
Green Construction Code	
GCC-CCCB-5-4-13	302 & 507
Building	
BC-CCCB-32-1-13	Chapter 32
BC-CCCB-Appendix N-1-13	Appendix N
BC-CCCB-1-1-13	106.1
Property Maintenance Code	
PMC-CCCB-7-2-13	704
Fire Code	
FC-CCCB-5-4-13	510
FC-CCCB-11-1-13	1103.8

Based on comments made by the Board members with respect to the code change proposals, Jill Stern agreed to revise the proposals and circulate the revised proposals before the next meeting.

Paul Waters indicated that additional input was being solicited from the Office of United Communications and AOBA in connection with the Fire Code and Property Maintenance Code proposals, and their desired revisions will be noted to the Board in future drafts of these proposals.

4. Status Updates

- i. ICC Publication of DC Construction Codes

Jill Stern advised the Board that a contract had been put in place with the ICC to publish an online version of the 2013 D.C. Construction Codes that integrated the ICC model code language and the D.C. amendments. Under this contract, the 2013 D.C. codes would be available online for free public viewing and downloading of up to 5 pages. The contract covers seven codes: the Building, Green, Energy, Fire, Property Maintenance, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes, as discussed with the Board. She indicated that she is in the process of drafting an introduction to the codes, that would



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also acknowledge the efforts of the Board and other people involved in the code development process. She advised the Board that the goal is to have the codes published electronically by April 2014 if possible.

ii. 14 DCMR and D.C. Official Code Revisions

Elaborating on the earlier discussion, Jill Stern mentioned that she was working with Matt Orlins to identify which revisions are the highest priorities. She indicated that the 14 DCMR rulemaking, and amendment of the Construction Codes Approval Act, which still references BOCA, would seem to be the most immediate priorities, along with the proposed repeal of the Smoke Detector and Outdoor Grill Acts.

iii. Green Building Program Manual

Dave Epley advised the Board that the proposed Green Building Program Manual has been circulated for review by the CCCB, DCBIA and AOBA. He is awaiting comments from DCBIA and AOBA, and is anticipating that the manual will be published in the D.C. Register after adoption of the new codes, in April 2014. Submittal templates will be included in the Manual. A resource guide and reference guide are also being created and will be available on the DCRA website.

iv. New Sign Regulations (Title 13 DCMR)

Jill Stern advised the CCCB that the Sign Committee continues to make progress on the Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which she anticipates could be issued within the next few months. Robbie Sabbakhan indicated his expectation that the new Title 13 would be adopted by the end of 2014.

v. DCRA Administrative Bulletins

In conjunction with the presentation concerning the Green Building Program Manual, Paul Waters, Rabbiah Sabbakhan and Jatinder Khokhar discussed the publication in the D.C. Register of matters presently in 2008 12A DCMR that will not be in 2013 12 DCMR A. The publication of the Third Party Manuals was also discussed. A goal of publishing all of these documents in April 2014 seemed reasonable to DCRA representatives. Paul Waters noted that Matt Orlins will be involved in this task.

vi. CCCB Website

Paul Waters advised the Board that a DCRA employee has been hired to work exclusively on DCRA website content, so he expects the CCCB portion of the website to be updated in the near future.

vii. Office of Boards and Commissions



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Paul Waters asked the Board members to let him know whether anyone expects to drop off the Board so that he can notify the Office of Boards and Commissions, and the Board can be reconstituted if necessary before the next code cycle begins.

5. Comments by Members of the Public

No members of the public participated.

6. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. upon motion made by Robert Hershey and duly seconded by Bill Updike.