



**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals  
Approved MINUTES**

**Board Meeting  
January 27, 2016**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals convened in a Board meeting on January 27, 2016 at the Learning Research Center, 2800 Spirit of Texas Drive, Airport, Austin, Texas.

**Chair Haught** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ben Abzug, Michael Cannatti, Matt Hart, Frank Haught, Mary Ingle, Alicia Jones, Danny McNabb and Darryl Pruett. **Board Members Not in Attendance:** John Kiracofe. **Staff in Attendance:** Jose Roig (DSD), Julie Kirby (DSD), Joe White (AFD), AJ Hamilton (AWU), Kurt Stodgill (AE), John Umphress (AE), Michael Husted (AE), and Carl Wren (DSD).

1. **Citizen Communications:** None.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The November 18, 2015 minutes were approved on Board Member Pruett's motion second by Haught for a 7-0-1 vote with Cannatti abstaining.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action:**

**a) Insufficient Fire Flow in along Balcones Drive:**

Chair Haught gave an overview of the situation and concern about low water pressure in this neighborhood. AJ Hamilton (AWU Fire Flow Specialist) reported that the valves in the area were checked, and it is a known problem area and does not meet the minimum requirements. In the event of a fire, AFD responders will require the use of water pumps. Joe White (AFD) stated that AFD is considering the adoption of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code. This code provides regulations for the safeguarding of life and property from intrusion of wildland fire exposures. The Board will consider making a recommendation to AFD to upgrade the AWU infrastructure.

**b) Draft Code Amendment for the adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code(IECC) (Residential Energy Code), and Ashrae 90.1-2013 (Commercial Energy Code).**

Austin Energy presented proposed amendments to the adoption of ASHRAE, as well as the list of stakeholders who provided input. The Board reviewed the memo from the Mechanical Plumbing & Solar Board which indicated that the currently adopted IECC allows three options for developers (IECC, ASHRAE or an alternate prescriptive method). The Board discussed the matter. The adoption of the draft amendment was tabled and the Board requested staff to provide text focusing on occupancy types.

Austin Energy also presented the proposed amendments for residential to the adoption of the 2015 IECC.

- c) Discussion on the Mission of the Board.** Postponed
- d) Draft Annual Board Report.** Postponed

**4. Future Agenda Items:**

- Provide stakeholders feedback associated with the Energy Code adoption, and cost impacts to the consumer.
- Provide an alternate amendment requiring the ASHRAE standard by certain occupancy types only.

5. **ADJOURN** – Board Chair Haught adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.