



**Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals  
APPROVED Minutes**

**Board Meeting  
May 7, 2021**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals met in a Special Called Meeting on May 7, 2021 via Web Ex Video Conference

Chairman, Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Aubrey Brasfield, Ashley Juraska, Tim Arndt, Alan Schumann, Marco Fiorilo and Ron Buys

**Board Members Not in Attendance:** Bobby Johns, Pieter Sybesma and Ben Abzug

**Staff in Attendance:** Rick Arzola (DSD), Beth Culver (DSD), Todd Wilcox(DSD), Eric Zimmerman(DSD), Tony Hernandez (DSD), Kalissa Tozzi(DSD), Ben Flick (AFD), Jeff Kennedy(AFD), Tom Vocke(AFD), Yvonne Espinosa(AFD), Jameson Courtney (WPD) and Kevin Shunk(AWD)

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The March 24, 2021 minutes were approved as written with a modification by board member **Arndt** to add discussion from the Code Department to come back and address the repeat offender program. Board member **Brasfield** accepted the minutes as modified and was second by board member **Schumann**. Motion passed 6-0 on the modification and is now reflective on the March 24 approved minutes.
2. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION -2021 IFC-** Austin Fire Department Ben Flick presented the board and staff the 2021 IFC Code Amendments. After several discussions from the Board and Fire department, Chairman Schumann asked the board if there were any additional questions and if the board was ready to entertain a motion. After no response, board member Buys made a motion to recommend the IFC to Council with added verbiage. The verbiage was to add Fire systems back to the exception of 510.1 and add 907.2.13.2 for requirement of two way hard wire communication. Along with 1207.6.6.1 that would allow for an alternative method compliance of ventilation systems. Chairman Schumann second the motion, motion pass 6-0
- 3 **DISCUSSION- Article 3-** Building Official Beth Culver gave a brief update to the board on Article 3. Mainly this was to relocate the language from the IBC Appendix G, IBC 1612, IRC R322 and the Definitions from the IBC and IRC to Chapter 25-12 to Article 3. The reasons was to remove the redundancy from four sections of two different codes, consolidation and referencing for customers and easier maintenance for staff. There were no discussion,
4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION- Election of Officers -** Board member Brasfield made the motion to re-elect Shumann as Chair. Board member Fiorilo seconded the motion. Motion pass 6-0.  
Board member Juraska made the motion to re-elect Brasfield as Vice-Chair. Chairman Schumann second the motion. Motion pass 6-0
5. **FUTURE AGEND ITEMS-**
  - a. **Recommendation and Action- IECC**
  - b. **Discussion from Austin Code- Repeat Offender Program**
6. **ADJOURN** – Without objection, **Chairman Schumann** adjourned the meeting at 3:31 pm.