



Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals Approved Minutes

**Board Meeting
May 26, 2021**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals met in a Regular Called Meeting on May 26, 2021 via Web Ex Video Conference

Board Member, Arndt called the meeting to order at 1:53 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ashley Juraska, Tim Arndt, Marco Fiorilo, Ben Abzug, Bobby Johns and Ron Buys

Board Members Not in Attendance: Alan Schumann, Pieter Sybesma and Aubrey Brasfield

Staff in Attendance: Rick Arzola (DSD), Mitchell Tolbert (DSD), Eric Zimmerman(DSD), Tony Hernandez (DSD), Kelly Stilwell(DSD), Kurt Stogdill(AE), Patricia Chawla(AE), Michael Husted(AE), Matthew Noriega(ACD) and Justin Brummer(ACD)

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 6, 2021 Special Called meeting were approved as written. Board member **Juraska** made a motion to accept the minutes as written and board member **Buys** second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION -2021 International Energy Conservation Code-** Austin Energy Manager of Green Building and Sustainability Kurt Stogdill gave a brief presentation on 2021 IECC Code Ordinance. In his presentation, Kurt highlighted and noted the significant changes in Residential. Insulation, increasing the R value from R38- to R49, Lighting changes in residential and multifamily homes and Mechanical Systems changes. He added that existing amendments would be retained but stringent with publish code, removed requirement for gas water heating in adjacent gas service and to add new code on timer language. There were option to paths of compliance, Performance and ERI paths and added additional efficiency option packages.
In his Commercial changes, Kurt highlighted Building envelop, mechanical, lighting and power and water. Items that were dropped from the IECC, registered design professional on commissioning and water heater timers- added demand response as an alternative. Those that went to publish code, roofing, interlocks and commissioning. In their recommendation to keep, Encapsulation, ventilation filtration, window performance and demand response-to require open source demand response capabilities.
After several discussions between AE, DSD and board members, board members elected to recommend the IECC to council but to include training and additional FTE's for plan reviewers and inspections to implement the 2021 code. Board member Juraska made the motion and board member Fiorilo second the motion. Motion pass 6-0

4. **DISCUSSION- Repeat Offender Program** Austin Code Supervisor Matthew Noriega presented and gave an overview of Austin Code's Repeat Offender Program (ROP). In that presentation, Supervisor Noriega highlighted the common violations, Unsafe building, unpermitted work, broken windows, unsanitary conditions, plumbing, mechanical and electrical issues and uncontrolled weeds and grass, trash and debris. All which led to code's 2-5-2 program for consecutive violations to comply. After several questions and discussion from board members and Code department, board members Arndt and Juraska expressed interest in participating in a work group to analyze the repeat offender program and how to improve it.

5. **FUTURE AGEND ITEMS-** No Future Agenda Items were discussed.

6. **ADJOURN** – Board member Arndt entertain the motion to adjourn the meeting, board member Juraska second the motion. Motion was unanimous 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:35