



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

**Board Meeting
January 22, 2025**

The Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals met in a Special Called Meeting on January 22, 2025

Board Member, Schumann called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ben Abzug, Ron Buys, Oren Mitzner, Jim Rumbo, Alan Schumann, Aubrey Brasfield, Allison Satt, Cecilia Paredes Juarez and Chris Gannon

Board Members Not in Attendance: No one absent

Staff in Attendance: Rick Arzola (DSD) and Todd Wilcox (DSD), Ray Chiovaro (DSD), Ben Flick (AFD), Stephen Truesdell (AFD) and Andre DeLeReza (AFD)

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION- David Glenn with the Home Builders Association spoke and opposes to the WUI code to concerns of expansion of a home. Currently 71% of homes are in the Wildland Urban Interface area and has seen no reduction in the map process. Also noted, maps are required to be updated once a year and this is the first in 6 years. Homes in review are subject to 1 review and 2 inspections, each being serviced by Austin Transportation with Right of Way inspections for driveways and Austin Water for sprinkler services. Biggest concerns are the expansion of the map and its ember ignition zone, known as EIZ.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. The minutes from the **August 28, 2024**, Regular called meeting were approved as written. Board member Mitzner made a motion to accept the minutes as written, board member Abzug second the motion. Motion passed 9-0.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION-** After completion of the presentation of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, there were several questions that the board wanted staff to address regarding the wildland maps, staff will be updating language to the amendments to meet the request that the board recommends.
Vice Chairman Brasfield made a motion to recommend the WUI, Chairman Schuman second the motion with the agreement that Wildland maps are updated within the year and updates to be continued every code cycle.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION-** The International Building Code (IBC) will be postponed till January 29th in a Special Called meeting
- 4 **APPROVE THE 2025 BUILDING AND FIRE BOARD SCHEDULE.** The 2025 Board scheduled was approved as written, board member Brasfield made a motion to approve the 2025 board schedule, board member Buys second the motion. Motion pass 9-0

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Recommendations: International Building Code.

ADJOURN:

Without objection, Chairman Schumann adjourned the meeting at 3:23 pm

The minutes were approved at the Special Called Meeting January 29, 2025 meeting on board member Mitzner motion, board member Schumann second the motion on a 8-0 vote. Board member Satt was absent.