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CONSTRUCTION CODE COMMISSION

Upper Level, Conference Room 3
611 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933

MINUTES

April 6, 2016
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William Benoit, Jr. (Chair)
Mr. Thomas Baldwin
Mr. Michael Boss
Mr. Frederick Butters
Mr. James Cripps
Mr. Anthony D'Ascenzo
Mr. Roger Donaldson
Mr. William Duffield
Mr. Thomas Erdman
Mr. Roger Papineau
Mr. Matthew Reno
Mr. Donald Staley
Dr. Joseph Sucher
Mr. Brian William

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Nelson McMath
Mr. Kenneth D. Misiewicz
Mr. Sean O'Neil

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mr. Irvin Poke, Director, BCC
Ms. Hillary Cushman, Assistant to Mr. Poke
Mr. Keith Lambert, Deputy Director, BCC
Mr. Kevin Kalakay, Chief, Mechanical Division
Mr. Joseph Madziar, Chief, Plumbing Division
Mr. Stanley Skopek, Assistant Chief, Plan Review & Building Division

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Lee Schwartz, Home Builders Association of Michigan
Mr. Ray, Hausbeck, Saginaw Township
Mr. David Flint, University of Michigan
Mr. Jeffrey Bowdell, Pontiac – Wade Trim
Mr. Brindley Bird, MEECA & MIACCA
Ms. Cindy Maher, MPMCA
Mr. Corey Roblee, ICC

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Chairperson Benoit called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. A quorum was determined present at that time.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Duffield seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Baldwin moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Reno seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Poke announced that this is his last meeting, he is retiring at the end of the month. There will be a retirement celebration on the 28th of the month. He stated that he has 30.5 years with the state, almost 27 with the bureau.

Director Poke spoke about HB 5121 placards on buildings of lightweight construction passed the house and is now in the senate. Chairman Benoit advised that anyone in the state as a Building Official will need to look at this, it will make it very difficult to enforce. He would encourage comments to be sent to the senate committee.

Director Poke spoke regarding HB 4813 sub passed by the senate committee providing revision to electrical apprentice ratio from 1:1 to 1:3.

Director Poke advised that the department is working with Sen. Horn on a Skilled Trades Act. This is a single statute using occupational code as a template to create consistency for all trades. Currently it is in draft stage. If anyone wants a copy of the draft, they should contact Sen. Horn's office.

Director Poke gave an Accela update, Plan Review E-Plan is going to have a soft roll out on Sunday, April 10th.

Chairman Benoit thanked and congratulated Irvin on his years of service.

Director Poke announced that the bureau is now partnered with PSI for third party testing for electrical examinees.

5. **COMMISSION FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Director Poke advised the Commission that the only functions being removed from the commissions and boards are the licensing functions. The new focus in terms of licensing is to be sure that we are not hampered by waiting for quarterly board meetings. The commission will hear appeals, will make code interpretations when asked. There was discussion amongst the Commission.

6. **RESIDENTIAL CODE ERRORS**

Director Poke sent a document to the commissioners regarding Residential code errors and conflicts in the 2015 Residential Code. These are clarifications as to how building departments should be enforcing the issues in the code.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Benoit asked for a status update on the Building and Rehab codes. Director Poke gave a brief update.

8. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Schwartz – Thanked Irvin on behalf of MHBA for over 20 years of service.

David Flint – Stated his interest in participating in rewriting of all code forms.

Brindley Bird – Congratulated Irvin and thanked him for his service. MEECA and MIACCA made a joint statement on 1996-2 EO.

Cindy Maher – Thanked Irvin from MPMCA for years of service. Pledged continued support to the department.

10. 2016 SCHEDULE

July 6, October 5

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner D'Ascenzo moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:01 a.m. Commissioner Cripps seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**