

STATE BUILDING CODE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

MEETING  
November 16, 2012

GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA

Members Present

Mr. J. Robert Allen, Chairman  
Mr. R. Schaefer Oglesby, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. J. Daniel Crigler  
Mr. James R. Dawson  
Mr. Joseph A. Kessler, III  
Mr. John A. Knepper, Jr.  
Mr. James N. Lowe  
Mr. Eric Mays  
Ms. Joanne D. Monday  
Ms. Patricia S. O'Bannon

Members Absent

Mr. Matthew Arnold  
Mr. W. Keith Brower, Jr.  
Mr. John H. Epperson

Call to Order

The meeting of the State Building Code Technical Review Board (Review Board) was called to order by the Chairman at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

The attendance was established by Mr. Vernon W. Hodge, Secretary, and constituted a quorum. Mr. Steven Jack, Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General, was present and serving as the Board's legal counsel.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Oglesby moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2012 meeting as presented in the Review Board members' agenda package. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lowe and passed unanimously with Mr. Knepper and Ms. Monday abstaining from the vote.

Final Orders

Appeal of Lee Roy Trent (Firewater Transport, LLC); Appeal No. 12-2:

After consideration, Mr. Oglesby moved to approve the final order as presented in the Review Board members' agenda package. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lowe and passed with Messrs. Dawson and Mays and Ms. O'Bannon voting in opposition and Mr. Knepper and Ms. Monday abstaining from the vote. Ms. O'Bannon stated for the record her belief that local zoning restrictions are pertinent in these situations.

Interpretations

An interpretation request from the County of Henrico concerning the use of open-flame cooking devices on the decks of townhomes was considered. Representatives of the County fire and building departments were present for the discussion. After consideration, Mr. Mays offered a motion with language clarifying the code provision in question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler. There was further discussion concerning whether the interpretation response should address Group R-3 and well as Group R-5 townhouses. Mr. Kessler withdrew the second on the motion and Mr. Mays offered a substitute motion to issue the following interpretation of Section 308.1.4 of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code:

Question: Does Section 308.1.4, Exception 1 include townhouses?

Answer: Yes.

The substitute motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler and passed with Messrs. Dawson and Lowe and Ms. O'Bannon voting in opposition.

The Chairman then acknowledged a request from the State Fire Marshal's Office to provide public comment. As part of the comment, legal counsel for the State Fire Marshal's Office requested that the minutes from the July 20, 2012 meeting reflect an exhibit submitted during the hearing of Appeal No. 12-2 and that it be noted that the State Fire Marshal's Office objected to the staff document. There was discussion that the exhibit in question was already part of the record in a different format and that a footnote to the final order would be added reflecting the objection to the staff document; although written objections submitted by the State Fire Marshal's Office were already part of the record in the appeal.

A second interpretation request concerning the sizing of a wet vented fixture branch drain line submitted by the City of Chesapeake was then considered. After consideration, staff was directed to provide a response to the requestor since there was no interpretative issue necessary to resolve.

Secretary's Report

Suggested revisions to a code change proposal from the Review Board to the Board of Housing and Community Development based on comments received when the proposal was considered by a code development workgroup organized by the Department was discussed. The revision was to move the proposal from Chapter 9 of the International Building Code to Chapter 10 since it addressed single exit buildings. After consideration, Mr. Oglesby moved to approve the revisions to the proposal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lowe and passed with Mr. Dawson abstaining from the vote.

A calendar of 2013 meeting dates was considered. Mr. Oglesby moved to approve the following meeting dates, if there was business to be conducted:

January 25	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

The motion was seconded by Mr. Crigler and passed unanimously.

Mr. Jack then provided training to the Board members concerning the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Mr. Dawson at approximately 1:15 pm.

Approved: January 25, 2013

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Chairman, State Building Code Technical Review Board

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Secretary, State Building Code Technical Review Board