

MINUTES  
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2022

**Call to Order**

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am on December 14, 2022 at 6606 Tussing Rd, Reynoldsburg.

**Roll Call**

Committee members present: Ric Johnson, Don Phillips, Mike Boeckermann, Lyndsay Bott, Andre Frasier, Bill Kaufholz, Roger Puzitello, and Dan Spada.

Staff members present: Jay Richards & Regina Hanshaw

Visitors present: Kris Klaus, Tom Moore, Tim McClintock, Gerald O'Connor, Don Iverson, Nathaniel Jonhenry, Meredith Hawes (virtual), and Jeff Grassi (virtual)

**Agenda – Changes or Additions**

Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Boeckermann seconded to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of Minutes**

MIN-1 October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Spada seconded to approve the October 19, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

OB-1 Petition 22-01 – 2020 NEC RCO

Ms. Hanshaw stated that following the committee's last meeting, NEMA submitted a request to the Board asking for more opportunity to provide comments on the 2020 NEC and the proposed amendments approved by the committee. Based on the request, the Board's code committee recommended to the Board to send the 2020 NEC back to the committee for further opportunity for stakeholder input but did not question the recommendation of the committee. Mr. Johnson called on attendees to provide comment.

Mr. McClintock reviewed with the committee the NFPA code consensus process. Mr. Frasier asked Mr. McClintock whether NEMA is a for profit organization. Mr. McClintock explained that it was.

Mr. Moore requested the committee adopt the 2020 NEC without amendment and stated that the code drives manufacture of devices, not the other way around.

Mr. O'Connor also requested adoption without amendment, including 250 GFCI and surge protection requirements.

Mr. Iverson suggested that if the Committee was concerned with cost, it could amend out ranges from AFCI requirements in kitchens, and keep GFCI requirements for dryers which he suggested that the electrical representatives would find acceptable.

Jeff Grassi stated the Ohio Chapter IAELI supports timely adoption of the 2020 NEC without amendments and had concerns that amendments could affect safety.

Meredith Hawes stated support for the NFPA development process and adoption of the 2020 NEC without amendment.

Mr. Phillips stated that amendments were included due to device compatibility concerns, not cost.

Mr. Johnson stated that he was offended that speakers questioned his concern for safety and that no new information was brought by speakers.

Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Kaufholz seconded to again recommend adoption of 2020 NEC with approved modifications. Motion passed with Mr. Johnson voting no by a roll call vote.

### **New Business**

#### **NB-1 2021 IRC Chapters 8, 9 & 10 Review**

Mr. Richards presented the significant changes to the 2021 IRC Chapter 8 including the code change proposal, reasoning and the cost impact for the change noted by the code change proponent. After review of each change and discussion, Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Boeckermann seconded to approve the changes of 2021 IRC Chapter 8. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Richards presented the significant changes to the 2021 IRC Chapter 9 including the code change proposal, reasoning and the cost impact for the change noted by the code change proponent. After review of each change and discussion, Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Boeckermann seconded to approve the changes of 2021 IRC Chapter 9. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Richards presented the significant changes to the 2021 IRC Chapter 10 including the code change proposal, reasoning and the cost impact for the change noted by the code change proponent. After review of each change and discussion, Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Boeckermann seconded to approve the changes of 2021 IRC Chapter 10. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Reports from Chairperson**

Mr. Johnson updated the Committee regarding status of the 2024 IECC which is now a standard and is currently in the second round to public comments. Mr. Johnson also stated that the City of Columbus has adopted requirement for EV charges beginning in 2024 and that OHBA has been working with Franklin County Health regarding disinfection requirements of plumbing systems.

### **Reports from Executive Secretary**

Ms. Hanshaw informed the committee that the January meeting will be an organizational meeting where Chair and Vice-Chair are elected and that Mr. Johnson is not eligible to be elected Chair due to consecutive term limits. Ms. Hanshaw reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule with the Committee and introduced new staff member Laura Borso. Ms. Hanshaw also reminded the committee to complete annual trainings.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Comments from Committee Members**

No comments from committee members.

### **Future Meeting Schedule**

Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates\*

January 18

March 29

May 10

August 9

October 18  
December 20  
\*More as needed

**Motion to Adjourn**

Mr. Puzzitiello moved and Mr. Phillips seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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Ric Johnson, Chair  
Residential Construction Advisory Committee

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Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary  
Board of Building Standards

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