

MINUTES
BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
CONFERENCE MEETING & CERTIFICATION HEARING
March 26, 2021

The Board of Building Standards Conference Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 26, 2021 via videoconference, Chairman Timothy Galvin presiding.

Ms. Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary, called the roll and reported that the following Board members were present:

Timothy P. Galvin, General Contractor, Chair
Julienne Cromwell, Structural Engineer
Joseph F. Denk, Jr., Mechanical Engineer
John Johnson, Construction Materials
Don Leach, Attorney
Terry McCafferty, Public Member
Don McIlroy, Mayor
Christopher Miller, Renewable Energy
John Pavlis, Homebuilder, Vice-Chair
Jeff Samuelson, Architect
Bailey Stanbery, Homebuilder
Jeff Tyler, Architect
Greg Warner, Fire Service
Paul Yankie, Energy Conservation

The following Board members were absent:

Gregory Barney, Industrialized Units

The following staff members were present:

Pam Butts, Office Assistant
Megan Foley, Certification Program Administrator
Debbie Ohler, Staff Engineer
Jay Richards, Assistant Architect Administrator
Mike Regan, Plans Examiner
Rob Johnson, Assistant Architect Administrator
Brian Honen, Assistant Attorney General

The following visitors were present:

Charles Huber
Joe Rikocy

A quorum of the Board was present.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Warner moved and Ms. Cromwell seconded to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2021 Certification Hearing and Conference Meeting.

Chairman Galvin called for the ayes and nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION HEARING

Chairman Galvin opened the hearing to hear testimony on the individuals and building departments appearing on the Final Certification Hearing Agenda in the Board's Meeting Packet at the Hearing tab. Ms. Foley informed the Board that the individuals and departments appear on the hearing agenda have been reviewed by the Certification Committee and determined to meet the requirements of certification. There being no testimony, Chairman Galvin closed the hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CR-1 Code Committee Report

Mr. Denk gave the committee's report included in the Board's Meeting packet at Tab CR-1:

The Code Committee met on March 10, 2021, via videoconference, with the following members present: Mr. Denk, Ms. Cromwell, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Pavlis, Mr. Samuelson, Mr. Stanbery, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Yankie. Chairman Galvin was also present.

The Code Committee also met on March 25, 2021, via videoconference, with the following members present: Mr. Denk, Ms. Cromwell, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Pavlis, Mr. Samuelson, Mr. Stanbery, and Mr. Tyler. Chairman Galvin was also present.

The committee report is included in the March 26, 2021 Board Meeting Packet at tab CR-1 for the Board's consideration.

March 10, 2021 Code Committee Meeting

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mr. Denk at 1:04 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

No items for consideration

Petitions

No items for consideration

Recommendations of the Residential Construction Advisory Committee

No items for consideration

Old Business

Adoption of the 2017 edition of the ICC/ANSI A117.1 for new buildings - The committee discussed whether to bring the previously tabled item off of the table. Mr. Pavlis indicated that he would be interested in knowing more about the cost impact of the standard. He had contacted an Architect to get an estimate. Mr. Tyler suggested contacting AIA. Ms. Hanshaw suggested contacting the Ohio Design Professionals and Code Administrators (ODPCA) to see if any of their members would perform an estimate. Mr. Stanbery made a motion to keep the item tabled. Mr. Pavlis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Staff presented changes to Chapters 7-9 of the 2021 International Building Code. The committee had questions and concerns about several sections in Chapter 9 that they would like to revisit at a later time including the open parking garage sprinkler threshold, the upholstered furniture sprinkler threshold, the winery sprinkler requirement, and the emergency responder communication coverage (radio coverage). Staff will research and send additional supporting documentation to the committee members about these issues and present the changes to IBC 918 and IFC Section 510 regarding radio coverage to the committee at the next meeting. Mr. Miller asked staff to compile a list of where the OBC differs from the OFC. Staff explained that a draft of the Ohio Building Code language would be put into rule form for the committee to review and approve at a later date, prior to starting the stakeholder phase of the rule development process and that the BBS staff would communicate/work with the State Fire Marshal staff with the goal of achieving uniformity between the two codes. No action was taken.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

March 25, 2021 Code Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Denk at 12:04 P.M. and then again at 3:06 P.M after breaking for one hour to support Ms. Cromwell who represented the BBS while serving on the

Department of Commerce Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion panel discussion for Women's History Month.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Miller moved approval of the February 25, 2021 and the March 10, 2021 minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motions. The motions passed unanimously.

Petitions

No items for consideration

Recommendations of the Residential Construction Advisory Committee

No items for consideration

Old Business

Discussion regarding the potential adoption of the 2017 edition of the ICC/ANSI A117.1 remained tabled.

Discussion regarding the 2021 IBC 918/IFC 510 was tabled and will be brought up again when IBC Chapter 9 is revisited.

New Business

Staff presented changes to Chapters 10, 12, and 14 of the 2021 International Building Code. Staff explained that a draft of the Ohio Building Code language would be put into rule form for the committee to review and approve at a later date, prior to starting the stakeholder phase of the rule development process. No action was taken.

Adjourn

The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 1:57 P.M. and then adjourned again at 4:10 P.M. Mr. Samuelson made the final motion to adjourn. Ms. Cromwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Denk moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the recommendations of the committee.

Chairman Galvin called for the ayes and nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

CR-2 Certification Committee Report

Mr. Leach gave the committee's report included in the Board's Meeting packet at Tab CR-2:

The Certification Committee met in a videoconference on March 25th, 2021 at 10:00 AM, with the following members present: Mr. Leach, Mr. McCafferty, Mr. McIlroy, Mr. Samuelson, Mr. Stanbery, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Warner. Mr. Galvin was also present. The Committee makes the following recommendations, included in the March 26th, 2021 Board Packet at Tab CR2, for the Board's consideration.

Also present at the meeting were BBS Staff members, Megan Foley, Deborah Ohler, and Regina Hanshaw, and guests, Charles Huber, Amit Ghosh, Sam Cronk, Nicholas Coburn, and Raymon Robinson.

Recommend the following applications be approved following a certification hearing effective immediately unless otherwise noted on the certification hearing agenda:

Certification ID	Name	Certification
	Brown, Jason	Building Inspector Non-Residential Industrial Unit Inspector Residential Building Inspector Residential Industrial Unit Inspector
6277	Cobourn, Nicholas	Building Inspector
8474	Coppock, John	Electrical Safety Inspector*
	Crawford, Darren	Fire Alarm System Designer

303	Cronk, Sam	Building Inspector
8512	Dieker, Chris	Residential Building Inspector
	House, Andrew	Residential Building Inspector Trainee
6329	Howell, Michael	Plumbing Inspector
8449	Kirkpatrick, Robert	Electrical Plans Examiner Residential Building Official
8513	Morris, Robert	Non-Residential Industrial Unit Inspector
	Pleasant, Daveed	Building Inspector Trainee Residential Building Inspector Trainee
8516	Racchi, Joseph	Automatic Sprinkler System Designer
8521	Rakoczy Jr., Joseph	Master Plans Examiner
2159	Rivera, Steven	Fire Protection Plans Examiner
8517	Robinson, Raymon	Residential Building Official
5439	Smith, Matthew	Building Plans Examiner Fire Protection Plans Examiner
8515	Smitherman, Joshua	Electrical Safety Inspector*
8511	Stewart, Brian	Building Inspector
4647	Thomas Sr., Braden	Non-Residential Industrial Unit Inspector
8518	Vesey, Robert	Building Inspector Residential Building Inspector
8522	Worley, Thomas	Automatic Sprinkler System Designer

*Electrical Safety Inspectors must complete examinations prior to issuance of interim certification

** Denotes approval conditioned on receipt of fees.

Building Department Certifications, Manufactured Homes Inspection Agency/Inspectors

Village of Rutland - New Commercial Sub-Department

Subdepartment of Washington County Building Department

All paperwork submitted.

Exceptions: Plumbing, Med Gas

Recommend approval

Rivera, Steven - Manufactured Home Inspector

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval

Ice, Roger - Manufactured Home Inspector

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval pending receipt of evidence of required class and exam completion

Recommend the following applications be denied, additional information be requested, or other action as noted:

Personnel Certification Applications

Robinson, Raymond - BI

Cert ID: 8517

Current Certifications: None

Committee Recommendation: Table BI for next meeting.

Young, Patrick - RBI

Cert ID: 8514

Current Certifications: None

Committee Recommendation: Request additional information on practical experience or consider trainee program.

Brown, Jason - PI, MI, RMI

Cert ID:

Current Certifications: None

Committee Recommendation: Request additional information in plumbing and mechanical experience on PI, MI, RMI.

House, Andrew - BI Trainee

Cert ID:

Current Certifications: None

Committee Recommendation: Request additional information on specific experience for Building Inspector Trainee

Peele Jr., Robert - NRIUI

Cert ID:

Current Certifications: None

Committee Recommendation: Request additional information on experience as required by Board Personnel Rules for certification.

Old Business

None this month

New Business

HB 263 and effects on Certification Rules, Forms

Board staff to review rules and forms to comply with requirements of HB 263. Committee recommends no offenses be listed as disqualifying.

Girbino, Michael -- FPPE Alternative Exam approval

Mike Girbino has been an FPI since 1992. He holds the ICC Certified Fire Marshal certification, which included many tests across the Fire Protection spectrum. He has not taken the specific test required for FPPE, but has requested that the tests he has completed be recognized in place of the required exam.

Recommend acceptance of the alternative examinations for full certification

Mr. Leach moved and Mr. McCafferty seconded to approve the recommendations of the committee.

Chairman Galvin called for the ayes and nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

CR-3 Education Committee Report

Mr. McCafferty gave the committee's report included in the Board's Meeting packet at Tab CR-3:

The Education Committee held a videoconference meeting on March 25th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., with the following members present: Mr. McCafferty, Mr. Stanbery, Mr. Samuelson, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Warner. Mr. Galvin was also present. The committee makes the following recommendations, included in the March 26th, 2021 Board Packet at Tab CR3, for the Board's consideration.

Also present at the meeting were BBS Staff members, Megan Foley, Deborah Ohler, and Regina Hanshaw, and guest, Charles Huber.

Course Applications Approvals and Conditions as Noted.

How to Use the 2020 NEC (Ohio Certificate Renewal)

ESI, BO, MPE, BPE, EPE, BI, FPI, NRIUI, RBO, RPE, RBI, RIUI (4 hours)

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval with standard 2020 NEC language included.

Motor Circuits Article 430 (Ohio Certificate Renewal)

ESI, BO, MPE, BPE, EPE, BI, FPI, NRIUI, RBO, RPE, RBI, RIUI (4 hours)

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval with standard 2020 NEC language included.

Plan Examiner Monthly Round Table (Columbus)

All Certifications (12 session of one hour each)

Staff Notes: Round Table, no slides

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval, request discussion topics from meeting following each session

Cincinnati Inspector Cross Training Part 1 (BFCA)

Provider: Building and Fire Code Academy

RBI, RMI (1 three hour session)

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval of introductory session.

Cincinnati Inspector Cross Training Part 2 (BFCA)

Provider: Building and Fire Code Academy

RBI, RMI (4 sessions, three hours each)

Committee Recommendation: Recommend denial for sessions discussing IPMC, which is not Ohio Code regulated by the Board.

Cincinnati Inspector Cross Training Part 3 (BFCA)

Provider: Building and Fire Code Academy

RBI, RMI (6 sessions, three hours each)

Committee Recommendation: Recommend approval for 15 hours: Chapter 1 instruction is excluded from this course approval.

Cincinnati Inspector Cross Training Part 4 (BCFA)

Provider: Building and Fire Code Academy

RBI, RMI (4 sessions, three hours each)

Committee Recommendation: Course tabled for technical staff review.

Mr. McCafferty moved and Mr. Samuelson seconded to approve the recommendations of the committee.

Chairman Galvin called for the ayes and nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF BOARD RECOGNIZED ACCREDITATION BODIES, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES & INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

AB-1 SGS North America Inc (Testing Lab)

In accordance with the Board initiative to update its list of Conformity Assessment Bodies under rules 4101:1.1-01 and 4101:7.7-01 and after having submitted the required documents, Mr. Denk moved and Mr. Samuelson seconded to ratify the accreditations of the following Conformity Assessment Bodies:

TESTING LABORATORY

111: SGS North America Inc. Farmington, NY

Chairman Galvin called for the ayes and nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

RE-1 March 2021 Department Update

Mr. Robert Johnson presented the March 2021 Building Department Update:

Board Staff conduct building department virtual visits to engage building officials to discuss the administration of their departments and to obtain their feedback for the Board.

Specifically, Board Staff inquire on the status of plan review and inspection turnaround times, protocols, policies and processes of the department, software systems used, current and projected activity, department funding and fees, reported activity to the Board, relationships with fire departments, administration and elected officials, the issuance of plan approvals, adjudication

orders, certificates of occupancy, and appeals. In 2020 and 2021, Board staff verify how the departments have transitioned and addressed enforcement during COVID.

Building departments visited:

March 2021: Powell, Macedonia, Independence, Girard, Dublin, Mayfield, and Mason.

Of these departments visited in March, it has been observed that building department have trended to implement and upgrade software computer systems to adapt to a greater online presence. They often indicate that their previous operations either did not support all types of input or lacked capacity to store data. As they move to increase digital plan review of electronically submitted submissions.

Building officials indicate that workflow is increasing in the commercial sectors. Residential remains strong for alterations and additions. Many have provided that virtual inspections, though a necessity early stages of the pandemic response, have not been easily workable. They have essentially abandoned them for onsite inspections which prove to be more accurate and comprehensive. The alternative is used for small scope residential where the owner may object to an inspection on site. Building officials allow pictures to be submitted as required to verify compliance to the approved construction documents.

At the conclusion of these visits, Staff asks the following question of building officials, *“Is there anything that the Board or staff could improve upon to assist you and the department in your enforcing of the Building codes?”* Some of the comments received this month are as follows;

“We appreciate the access we have for timely technical responses from staff, since issues are usually pressing matters.”

“Can it be made easier for our staff to get additional certifications?”

“No. You all are doing a great job.”

“Thanks for all the accessible online education! It is great information.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

No items for consideration

NEW BUSINESS

No items for consideration

COMPENSATE BOARD MEMBERS FOR WORK PERFORMED AT THEIR REGULAR RATE

Ms. Hanshaw reported that board members had performed committee and board work for the amount of hours, including board meetings, as follows:

Mr. Barney	0	Mr. Miller	24
Ms. Cromwell	24	Mr. Pavlis	24
Mr. Denk	24	Mr. Samuelson	24
Mr. Galvin	31	Mr. Stanbery	24
Mr. Johnson	24	Mr. Tyler	24
Mr. Leach	16	Mr. Warner	16
Mr. McCafferty	16	Mr. Yankie	16
Mr. McIlroy	16		

Mr. Stanbery moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to compensate board members for the work performed at their regular rate.

Chairman Galvin called for the ayes and nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

May 14, 2021	October 22, 2021
June 25, 2021	November 19, 2021
August 20, 2021	December 17, 2021
September 17, 2021	

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Samuelson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Timothy Galvin, Chairman
Board of Building Standards

Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary
Board of Building Standards