

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee
Monday, October 16, 2017
9:00 a.m.
Glen Allen, VA

Members Present

Jeff Bailey (VFSB)
Walt Bailey (VFSB)
J.P. Carr (BHCD)
Robby Dawson (VFSB)
Sean Farrell (BHCD)
Tommy Shields (BHCD)

Members Absent

Call to Order

Mr. J.P. Carr, Chairman of the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Development Committee called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Carr noted that there would not be public comment during the committee meeting, though the chair may recognize members of the audience for limited comment on specific items. It was noted that any action taken by this committee would be presented as a recommendation to the Codes and Standards Committee.

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of DHCD, stated that questions arose from the last meeting on procedures of the Board. Mr. Shelton confirmed that based on Robert's Rules of Order and the bylaws of the Board, that the chair is a voting member of the body and is entitled to a vote.

Mr. Carr wanted to advise the he felt the committee overlooked section 301.3 of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) concerning certificate of occupancy and stated there was conflicting language between the SFPC and the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). Mr. Robby Dawson stated that he did not think it conflicted because they were separate regulations. Mr. Tommy Shields moved to change the language in the code section from shall to may to align with the USBC and Mr. Sean Farrell seconded the vote;

the motion failed on a tie vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting of the committee; the motion passed.

Review of Final Regulations for the SFPC

Ms. Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of DHCD's Building and Fire Regulations Division, presented the final regulations based on the approved proposals made by the Codes and Standards Committee.

Mr. Dawson expressed concerns over the process of this code cycle. He indicated that he did not believe the final regulations were ready to come to the board for approval.

Mr. Shields made a motion to recommend approval of the final regulations as presented to the Codes and Standards Committee with Mr. Farrell seconding the motion; the motion failed on a tie vote.

Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned

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