

CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order

Chair Nick Maduros called the meeting of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) to order at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was held in-person at the meeting location listed below and remotely through Zoom and teleconference.

Meeting Location:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
1500 Capitol Ave., First Floor Auditorium
Sacramento, CA 95814

Pursuant to [Senate Bill 470](#) (Chapter 222, Statutes of 2025), effective January 1, 2026, this meeting has a physical location where the majority of the commissioners are present, the public is able to be present in-person and also have the ability to participate via Zoom.

Roll Call: CBSC staff member Pamela Maeda called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Commissioners present: Secretary Nick Maduros, Raj Patel, Kent Sasaki, Frank Ramirez, Elley Klausbruckner, Laura Rambin, Juvilyn Alegre, Peter Santillan, and James Haskin.

Commissioners Absent: Aaron Stockwell.

Chair Maduros led the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Executive Director Kevin Day gave meeting instructions regarding teleconferencing and venue information.

Agenda Item 2. Comments from the public on issues not on this agenda

Comments and questions from the commissioners: None

Public comment:

Jason Dupuis, representing himself, mentioned that there is a portion of 2025 NFPA 72 Section 26.2.11 (Auxiliary Service Providers) that may not be enforceable and is currently going through a tentative interim amendment.

Agenda Item 3. Review and approval of meeting minutes

a. October 15, 2025

Comments and questions from the commissioners: None

There were no public comments.

Motion: Chair Maduros entertained a motion to consider the approval of the October 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Rambin moved to approve; Commissioner Alegre seconded. Motion carried 7 yes, 1 abstain and 1 absent.

Agenda Item 4. Commission Business

a. Commissioner re-appointments

Chair Maduros explained that three commissioners had terms that expired on January 1, 2026. Commissioner Sasaki is seeking reappointment. Commissioner Mikiten has retired, his last meeting was October 15, 2025. Commissioner Alegre announced her retirement from the Commission; today's meeting will be her last.

CBSC Executive Director Stoyan Bumbalov recognized and presented a certificate to Commissioner Alegre, after serving 10 years with CBSC. At the time of her appointment by Governor Brown in 2016, she was supervising Deputy Fire Marshal with the City of San Diego Fire Rescue Department. Commissioner Alegre retired in November 2025 after 31 years of service with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Commissioner Alegre expressed her gratitude to the Commission and staff.

b. Appointing new members of the Appeals Committee

c. Appointing new members of the Code Adoption Committee

Items b and c were covered together, as the current Commission retirements will leave each of the committees at four members. Chair Maduros sought a discussion about how to best fill these vacancies. Executive Director Bumbalov explained that the maximum membership for these internal committees is five.

Commissioner Klausbruckner is willing to help with the Code Adoption Committee if needed. Commissioner Haskin requested transferring from the Appeals Committee to the Code Adoption Committee within the next few meetings. Commissioner Rambin inquired about a replacement for Commissioner Mikiten; Chair Maduros had no update. Commissioner Santillan would like to stay on the Code Adoption Committee.

It was decided to discuss the membership of the internal committees at the April 2026 meeting.

d. Discuss new procedures related to AB 130

Executive Director Bumbalov established that this agenda item was not intended to prompt a discussion about the merits of the bill, but rather to discuss the procedures for the Commission to follow specific to AB 130.

In summary, the law has an effective date of June 30, 2025; places a moratorium on state and local building standards affecting residential units from October 1, 2025, to June 1, 2032; and enacts permanent restrictions on the types of proposals that state agencies may put forward during the intervening code adoption cycle.

The bill has added a requirement for CBSC to evaluate whether proposals meet the conditions of the law. To assist Commissioners with this new obligation, it was proposed that during the next Commission Meeting on April 23rd, the Commissioners will have an opportunity to discuss the intervening proposals submitted for the 45-day public comment period.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioners Haskin, Klausbruckner, Patel, Sasaki, Santillan and Ramirez were in support of the additional opportunity to discuss the proposals and provide feedback before making a vote. Commissioner Haskin suggested that this additional meeting become standard practice to streamline the approval process.

Commissioner Ramirez inquired about the increased staff workload related to AB 130. Executive Director Bumbalov explained that only one new position was created to support AB 130. Code cycle workload has increased, but currently about 90 percent of the additional workload is related to local amendment filings. CBSC is now required to review the content of each ordinance against AB 130 criteria.

Public Comments:

Michael Rochmes, representing the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) of California, requested the Commission interpret the home hardening exception in AB 130 to allow local code updates that protect homes from flooding, extreme heat and other climate impacts beyond fires. He also urged the Commission to continue enabling policies that encourage cost-effective decarbonization of existing buildings.

Enrique Huerta, representing Climate Resolve, expressed that the AB 130 moratorium does not consider the climate-driven hazards that are rapidly intensifying. He asked that the Commission provide more specific guidance on the emergency and health and safety exemptions in AB 130 and requested that the Commission define home hardening to prioritize climate resilience.

Laura Walsh, representing Save the Bay, noted that AB 130 is disruptive to groups working in sea level rise planning. She mentioned that recurring flooding is a major issue and cities should be allowed to make code updates to meet modern flood resilience challenges.

Bob Raymer, representing California Building Industry Association (CBIA), Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), California Business Properties Association (CBPA) and California Apartment Association (CAA), explained that the provisions of AB 130 affecting the Commission came from AB 306. During legislative hearings related to AB 306, the policy committees viewed home hardening as synonymous with the

Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Safety regulations, to limit changes for residential construction while allowing for WUI fire safety due to the recent fires in Los Angeles.

Colleen Corrigan, representing the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), believes the Commission should provide specific guidance on the emergency health and safety exemption of AB 130 to help local jurisdictions navigate the law's language. She asked the Commission to explicitly define home hardening to prioritize climate resilience, including extreme heat, flood and seismic safety.

Jon McHugh understood the intent of AB 130 (and AB 306) was to simplify and streamline permitting of residential housing. He is concerned that an inadvertent impact of the standard is the effect on occupancies like hotels and motels and their non-residential components including lobbies, stores and meeting rooms. Bob Raymer responded to Jon McHugh's comment, noting that CBIA, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and labor put forth an effort to limit the provisions of AB 130 (AB 306) to single-family dwellings and apartments, which was denied by the legislature.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Ramirez asked about proper avenues for the public to express concerns regarding AB 130. Executive Director Bumbalov noted that CBSC has issued information bulletins for local jurisdictions and memo for proposing state agencies. The guidance was conservative, aligning with the language in the bill. CBSC plans to issue frequently asked questions for the local jurisdictions and updated memo for state agencies.

Commissioner Klausbruckner noted that the Commission cannot change the enacted law. Executive Director Bumbalov explained that the April meeting will give Commissioners additional time to focus on the language of the bill in relation to agency proposals.

Commissioner Rambin noted that it would be good to have a clear working definition of home hardening established before determining whether agency proposals comply with the law.

Motion: Chair Maduros entertained a motion to consider including an opportunity for the Commission to discuss the state agency proposals during the April Commission Meeting. Commissioner Haskin moved; Commissioner Patel seconded. Motion carried 8 yes, 1 absent.

Agenda Item 5. CBSC Executive Director Report

Executive Director Bumbalov, shared information related to the following:

- Local Amendment Filings for the 2025 edition of Title 24 – between August 21, 2025, and January 13, 2026, CBSC received 224 submittals containing 331

ordinances. AB 130 has increased the level of detail and time for technical staff to review.

- Commission Sasaki inquired about the exceptions provided in AB 130. Deputy Executive Director, Kevin Day, provided a summary of the AB 130 exceptions for local amendments.
- Commissioner Patel noted that local ordinances become effective upon filing with CBSC and that many jurisdictions are receiving partial acceptance letters. Executive Director Bumbalov noted that additional technical staff have been added to the ordinance review team.
- Errata packages for 2025 edition of Title 24 – Parts 3, 4 and 5 have been received; the International Code Council (ICC) is expecting to ship the balance of Errata, including the Part 7 Emergency by the end of the week.
- 2025 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle – Pre-cycle workshops have been conducted. Code Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings will soon be convened, with HF occurring on January 28, 2026; two ad hoc committees have been established (BFO/SDLF and GREEN/PEME). 45-day public comment periods will occur in early spring 2026. Adoption meetings planned for July and August of 2026. Supplement will be published on January 1, 2027, and will become effective July 1, 2027.
- Personnel – Cynthia Biedermann is retiring; Barbara Trusley has been promoted to Office Manager.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Klausbruckner appreciated the staff's work related to the AB 130 reviews of local amendments.

Commissioner Haskin asked about the number of ordinance submittals received during previous cycles. Deputy Executive Director Day confirmed that close to 600 ordinances were received for the 2022 cycle. The 2025 cycle is comparable, but the reviews are more intensive due to AB 130.

Commissioner Ramirez wondered if CBSC is expecting a drastic increased workload when the residential moratorium ends. Deputy Executive Director Day noted that state agencies with residential authority will likely have robust proposals in the 2030 triennial cycle. Local amendment filings should remain consistent.

Commissioner Patel had further comments about the definition of home hardening. Executive Director Bumbalov reiterated information shared during item 4.d. of the agenda.

Commissioner Ramirez mentioned the use of "interpret" in the issued AB 130 Information Bulletins; understands this to be a narrow interpretation. Executive Director Bumbalov noted that CBSC intent was to follow the bill language.

Agenda Item 6. Future Agenda Items

Commissioners Klausbruckner and Patel asked about the possibility of input from Counsel in relation to AB 130, in either a general open discussion or closed session. Commission Counsel, Viana Barbu, explained that she will work with CBSC staff to determine the best venue for providing guidance to the Commission before and during the April meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Haskin moved to include a Commission process discussion to make permanent an additional meeting for the Commissioners to review proposals during the 45-day public comment period. Commissioner Klausbruckner seconded. There was no public comment. Motion carried 8 yes, 1 absent.

Agenda Item 7. Adjourn

Motion: Chair Maduros entertained a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Patel moved to approve; Commissioner Klausbruckner seconded. Motion carried 8 yes, 1 absent.

Chair Maduros adjourned the meeting at 11:28 pm.