

**CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

March 30, 2022

Agenda Item 1) Call to Order

Mia Marvelli addressed the Commission and others in attendance.

Secretary Amy Tong called the meeting of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) to order at 9:06 a.m. The meeting was held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361, (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings.

Secretary Tong introduced herself to the group. She is the new Secretary of the Government Operations Agency, although she is not new to the State of California or to Agency. Previously, she was Director of the Office of Digital Innovation and, prior to that, the Director of the California Department of Technology. She serves as Chair for the commission. Secretary Tong introduced Deputy Secretary Justyn Howard, who will assist in chairing this meeting.

Roll Call: CBSC staff member Pamela Maeda called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Secretary Amy Tong, Chair
Deputy Secretary Justyn Howard, Designated Chair
Juvilyn Alegre
Rajesh Patel
Laura Rambin
Peter Santillan
Aaron Stockwell
James Haskin
Frank Ramirez

Commissioners Absent: Kent Sasaki
Erick Mikiten
Elley Klausbruckner

Executive Director Mia Marvelli led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave instructions regarding public comments and teleconferencing.

Agenda Item 2) Commissioner appointments and re-appointments

Executive Director Marvelli remarked that, earlier this year, Governor Gavin Newsom re-appointed several Commissioners: Erick Mikiten, Juvilyn Alegre and Kent Sasaki (not present today).

Commissioner Mikiten is the principle of Mikiten Architecture and continues as a Public Member. As a licensed architect and a wheelchair rider, he is experienced and knowledgeable in barrier-free architecture and the requirements necessary to ensure public buildings are accessible.

Commissioner Alegre is a fire official for San Diego and does a lot of oversight at large public events, inspecting and ensuring the safety of the participants at conventions in the San Diego area.

The Governor also appointed two new Commissioners, James Haskin, and Frank Ramirez. Mr. Haskin is the Director of Preconstruction at All Temperature Service Air Conditioning, Inc. He is a member of the Sheetmetal and Air Conditioning Contractor's National Association. He was appointed to fill the Licensed Contractor Member seat.

Frank Ramirez was selected for a Public Member position. Previously he was a Sustainable Freight Project Manager at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Mr. Ramirez earned a Master of Urban Planning Degree from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Secretary Tong led the swearing in of Commissioner Alegre and the two new Commissioners, James Haskin, and Frank Ramirez. After the swearing in of the new Commissioners, Secretary Tong turned the meeting over to Deputy Secretary Justyn Howard, who served as Designated Chair for the rest of the meeting.

Designated Chair Justyn Howard moved onto the next agenda item and asked the public if there were any issues not on this agenda.

Agenda Item 3) Comments from the Public on issues not on this agenda

No questions or comments from the public.

Designated Chair Justyn Howard moved onto the next agenda item to breakout into the closed session.

Closed Session: CBSC and Deputy Attorneys General moved to a Zoom breakout room for the closed session. The teleconference line and webcast remained open during the closed session. Started at 9:25 a.m.

Agenda Item 4) Closed Session Pending Litigation: Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126 subdivision (e)(1), the California Building Standards Commission will conduct a closed session for the purpose of conferring or receiving advice from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the case of *Public.Resource.Org, Inc. v. California Office of Administrative Law and the California Building Standards Commission*.

Resume Open Session: CBSC rejoined the main Zoom meeting. Designated Chair Howard noted that no action was taken during the Closed Session. Resumed at 9:52 a.m.

Designated Chair Justyn Howard moved onto the next agenda and asked Mia Marvelli to give the Executive Director report.

Agenda Item 5) Executive Director Report

Executive Director Marvelli commented that CBSC is close to getting the 2022 Edition of Title 24 published. It will be available July 1 of 2022. CBSC is fine-tuning the codification documents and the proofs with the publishers right now and that will include all the hard work that the Commission did the last year to review and approve those revised regulations.

CBSC started the 2022 intervening code cycle, which is what creates the blue supplement for the codes.

There have been a number of workshops that have already started. Just to remind you, supplement changes can be based on public comments that we received in a prior code cycle, perhaps petitions or legislative mandates.

The intervening code cycle workshop phase can begin any time and the initial Rulemakings will be due to the Building Standards Commission on December 1 of 2022. Workshops that we have scheduled for CBSC, one on April 4th is a joint workshop with the Division of the State Architect (DSA) and it's called the CALGreen Carbon Reduction Collaborative. The collaborative anticipates that there will be a meeting every other month.

CBSC and DSA staff will convene this work group and it's comprised of interested parties and state agencies that will provide input and feedback for future carbon reduction regulations in the CALGreen code. These will be virtual meetings and you can find the notice to that meeting on CBSC's 2022 pre-cycle Rulemaking web page.

CBSC has another workshop for the Electric Vehicle Charging Collaborative scheduled for April 14th.

CBSC has been participating in the International Existing Building Code Compliance Path workshops that are being conducted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM). They have conducted two workshops; one was on February 23rd and the other on March 23rd.

The group is discussing possible adoption of Chapters 6 through 11 and 13. They are working with Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as CBSC, DSA, SMF, and interested parties, have participated in these workshops, and addressed different issues associated with the compliance paths scope and applicability, fire life safety, elevator safety, accessibility, and structural requirements are being considered. This may result in Rulemakings that will be brought before the Commission next year.

CBSC will also be conducting a Bird-Friendly Building Design Workshop. and anticipate that will be held in May.

CBSC will be conducting a plumbing code workshop and the date for that is in the near future. CBSC will be working with Department of Housing and Community Development to address the possible adoption of Appendix M, which has design criteria for reduced water fixture plumbing design tables.

CBSC will have a Commission meeting on April 7th and will be discussing the Title 24 Rulemaking process, public engagement, and participation. This agenda item is a response to a motion by CBSC at its January 18th meeting. The meeting agenda and materials are available on the CBSC calendar page. This will be an in-person meeting at 1500 Capital Avenue, in the auditorium on the first floor.

CBSC had a tentative date of May 3rd for our Coordinating Council Meeting. I'll be working with the state agencies to see if they're available that day.

CBSC will attend the County Building Officials Association event in Yosemite, April 17th through the 20th.

Building Safety Month, to support ICC's Building Safety Month in May.

The CALBO Annual Business Meeting on May 9th through the 12th.

CBSC will also participate in the San Diego International Council Chapter Meeting on May 17th.

The Green Facilities Forum on May 25th. CBSC also does a series of education virtual events with the City of San Francisco, on June 1st, 8th, and 15th.

CBSC will attend the ICC Tri-Chapter Meeting on June 3rd and will provide a CBSC update at that meeting.

The last item, Mr. Mike Nearman retired in February of this year. He was with CBSC for over 20 years and was intricately involved in the development of the California Building Standards Code. During his tenure he contributed greatly to the regulatory rulemaking process and the practices that guided the state agencies through the process for multiple code cycles.

Mike was very dedicated to CBSC and was present at every public meeting since his appointment as a Deputy Executive Director, which was in 2011. You can read more about Mike on CBSC's Cal Code quarterly winter edition. And we wish him well on his new adventures. I know that his hobbies are racing, cars and spending time with family. We want to thank him for his service.

Designated Chair Justyn Howard open for commissioner discussion.

Questions or Comments from the Commissioners:

There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Designated Chair Justyn Howard addressed the public on Zoom and phone to ask for any public comments.

Questions or Comments from the Public:

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Designated Chair Justyn Howard moved onto the next agenda item and asked the commission if there were any future agenda items.

Agenda Item 6) Future agenda items

Questions or Comments from the Commissioners:

There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners.

Questions or Comments from the Public:

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Agenda Item 7) Adjourn

Motion: Designated Chair Justyn Howards entertained a motion to adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Rambin, seconded by Commissioner Patel, the Commissioners, by voice vote, unanimously adjourned the meeting.

The following Commissioners voted “Yes”: Alegre, Patel, Rambin, Santillan, Stockwell, Haskin and Ramirez.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:04 a.m.