

**UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of Meeting, August 9, 2024**  
**Meeting held Electronically via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendance**

**Board Members**

Beth Pochtar, Chair	Greg Moten
Tony Neibert, Vice Chair	Steven Rodzinak
Charles Baldanza	Michael Seeve
Doug Boydston	Bill Tevald
Kathy Herity	Valerie Waricka
Art Londensky	Michelle Wood

**Excused**

Mark Caputo  
John Del Colle  
Bob Mellohusky

**DCA Staff**

Toritseju Agbeyegbe	Erin Mifka
Rob Austin	Ian Rayfield
Scott Borsos	Pat Ryan
Marie Daniels	Keith Thedinga
John Delesandro	Dan Tober
Keith Makai	Bill Schmidt
Adam Matthews	Chrystine Wyluda
Anthony Menafo	

**Public Attendees**

*Public attendees joined using a registration link, and only those who registered and announced themselves will be listed herein.*

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**A. Approval of Minutes of the Code Advisory Board Meeting June 14, 2023**

*Tony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Art Londensky to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Subcode Committee Reports**

***Building Subcode Committee*** – Michelle Wood reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda and other items.

***Electrical Subcode Committee*** – Tony Neibert reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda and other items. Additionally, Tony Neibert requested that the Code Advisory Board look into NEC 706.7, Energy storage systems, for removal due to the language within the section being outside the scope of the Uniform Construction Code.

***Fire Protection Subcode Committee*** – Art Lodensky reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda and other items.

***Mechanical/Energy Subcode Committee*** – Rob Austin reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda and other items.

***Plumbing Subcode Committee*** – Steve Rodzinak reported that the Committee met and discussed the agenda and other items.

**C. Old Business**

**1. 2024 Model Code Adoption Part 1**

**a. Plumbing Subcode (NSPC/2024) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.15**

Steve Rodzinak reported that the Plumbing Subcode Committee discussed this item and the major changes. The Committee reported no opposition to the changes.

*Art Lodensky made a motion, which was seconded by Michelle Wood to approve this item as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.*

**b. Electrical Subcode (NEC/2023) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.16**

Tony Neibert reported that the Electrical Subcode Committee discussed this item and the major changes. The Committee reported no opposition to the changes.

*Tony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Greg Moten to approve this item as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.*

**c. Mechanical Subcode (IMC/2024) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.20**

Rob Austin reported that the Mechanical/Energy Subcode Committee discussed this item and the major changes. The Committee, as well as the Building and Fire Protection Subcode Committees reported no opposition to the changes.

*Michelle Wood made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Rodzinak to approve this item as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.*

**d. Fuel Gas Subcode (IFGC/2024) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.22**

Rob Austin discussed this item and noted that it contained minor changes. Michelle Wood stated that the Building Subcode Committee reported no opposition to the changes. Art Lodensky confirmed that the Fire Protection Subcode Committee reported no opposition to the changes as well.

*Art Lodensky made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Rodzinak to approve this item as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.*

**e. Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC/2024)**

Rob Austin discussed this item and noted that it contained only minor changes. Michelle Wood stated that the Building Subcode Committee reported no opposition to the changes.

*Michelle Wood made a motion, which was seconded by Steve Rodzinak to approve this item as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.*

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### D. New Business

#### 1. 2024 Model Code Adoption Part 2

- a. Building Subcode (IBC/2024) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.14  
Rob Austin introduced this item and referred it to the Building, Fire Protection, and Plumbing Subcode Committees for discussion. Greg Moten requested the next Building Subcode Committee meeting date and was informed that it is planned for September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Fire Protection Subcode – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.17  
Rob Austin introduced this item and referred it to the Fire Protection Subcode Committee for discussion.
- c. Energy Subcode (IECC/2024) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.18  
Rob Austin introduced this item and referred it to the Mechanical/Energy, Building, and Plumbing Subcode Committees for discussion.
- d. One- and Two-Family Dwelling Subcode (IRC/2024) – N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.21  
Rob Austin introduced this item and referred it to the Building, Fire Protection, Mechanical/Energy, and Plumbing Subcode Committees for discussion.
- e. Elevator Subcode (ASME A17.1-2022) – Ch. 30 of IBC/2024 & N.J.A.C. 5:23-12  
Rob Austin introduced this item and referred it to the Elevator Subcode Committee for discussion.

### E. Information

#### 1. CAB Tentative Meeting Dates 2024 – 10/04 and 12/13

#### 2. CAB Log

- Marie Daniels informed the Board that code changes discussed and approved in previous meetings have been combined into an omnibus proposal for publication in the September 16<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Register.

#### 3. List of Pending Legislation

#### 4. Additional Board Member Comment

- Tony Neibert, in reference to pending legislation A4360/S3402 (self-certification), noted that legislators do not consult with the Code Advisory Board on matters that concern the Uniform Construction Code. He explained that this causes significant problems because stakeholders are not being involved in discussions. He and various members of the Board noted their strong disagreement for the proposed legislation concerning self-certification of certain construction projects by approved architects.

### F. Public Comments

- Bob LaCosta agreed with the sentiment of Board members concerning A4360/S3402 (self-certification). He stated the proposed legislation dilutes the provisions of the Uniform Construction Code.

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- John Drucker objected to the proposed legislation, A4360/S3402 (self-certification). He noted his work in New York City when they passed similar legislation and explained the significant problems and inspection failures of self-certified buildings following the implementation of self-certification. He stated that accelerating the electronic permitting process and solving the licensing board issues concerning raised seals would be far more beneficial than implementation of the self-certification.

- Brian Miller, Chairman of the Municipal Construction Officials of New Jersey, noted his organization's objection to the proposed self-certification legislation. He stated a letter has been sent to the Governor detailing the organizations issues, such as, circumvention of stakeholder input, conflict of interests, and lack of oversight.

- John Fiedler noted that the proposed self-certification legislation is a foot in the door of what's to come and will lead to a deterioration of the Uniform Construction Code.

- Dennis Butler agrees with the Code Advisory Board's comments regarding the self-certification legislation.

### **G. Adjourn**

*Art Londensky made a motion, which was seconded by Michelle Wood, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.*

### **H. Executive Session**

*The executive session was called to order at 10:40 a.m.*

*The executive session was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.*