

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting, February 13, 2026
Meeting held Electronically via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Board Members

Beth Pochtar, Chair	Bob Mellohusky
Tony Neibert, Vice Chair	Greg Moten
Charles Baldanza	Steven Rodzinak
Doug Boydston	Michael Seeve
John Del Colle	Bill Tevald
Kathy Herity	Valerie Waricka

DCA Staff

Toritseju Agbeyegbe	Erin Mifka
Rob Austin	Patrick Ryan
Scott Bursos	Ian Rayfield
John Delesandro	Bill Schmidt
Kevin Luckie	Edward Smith
Keith Makai	Keith Thedinga
Adam Matthews	Dan Tober
Anthony Menafro	Chrystene Wyluda

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 for the December 12, 2025, Code Advisory Board Meeting

Tony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Bill Tevald, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Subcode Committee Reports

The Chair of Elevator Subcode Committee stated that they met and discussed agenda items.

C. Old Business

1. Draft: N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.18C - Splash Pad Changes

Department staff and Vice Chair Tony Neibert provided background on this item, which concerns splash pad bonding and grounding certification. The Board discussed the draft amendments and agreed to move forward with approval.

Tony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Steven Rodzinak, to approve the draft amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.18C. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Draft: N.J.A.C. 5:23-5.25 - Peer Review Changes

Department staff introduced additional changes to the draft amendments, which were in response to discussion from the previous Board meeting. Department staff provided clarification on the intent of the draft amendments, noting that the draft amendments permit peer review committee members the ability to serve on a separate discipline's peer review committee when there are no other available members. Board members voiced their agreement with the updates to the draft amendments and moved forward with approval.

Tony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Steven Rodzinak, to approve the draft amendment to N.J.A.C. 5:23-5.25. The motion carried unanimously.

D. New Business

1. Draft: N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.17A & 2.18 – Four-hour Insp Law (P.L.2025, c.173)

Department staff provided information concerning the statutory provisions of P.L.2025, c.173 and how the provisions could be presented in the UCC. Board members noted difficulties with the timeframes and how they could impact local construction offices. Board members also questioned whether there could be exceptions, such as in cases of weather, to which Department staff stated that they will look into it further to determine if those would be appropriate. Board members determined that this item will be sent to all Subcode Committees for review prior to the next Code Advisory Board meeting.

2. Draft N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15B – Seal Updates (P.L.2025, c.268)

Department staff provided information concerning the statutory provisions of P.L.2025, c.268 and how those provisions could be presented in the UCC. After Board discussion and clarification on the provisions, the Board determined that this item will be sent to all Subcode Committees for review prior to the next Code Advisory Board meeting.

E. Information

1. CAB Tentative Meeting Dates 2026 – 04/10; 06/12; 08/14; 10/09; 12/11

2. CAB Log – Department staff noted that all rulemaking matters are pending proposal or adoption.

3. List of Pending Legislation

F. Public Comments

1. Brian Miller provided comment to the Board on behalf of the Municipal Construction Officials Association, welcoming the dialogue on the draft changes to peer review. In addition, Brian noted the vacancy for Chair of the Fire Protection Subcommittee and would like to get together with the other Subcommittee members to determine a replacement.
2. Bob LaCosta noted his appreciation of the draft peer review changes and stated that he is available to serve if needed. Additionally, he requested that peer review committees should be held as soon as possible rather than having them occur all at once after a period of time.
3. Jeffrey Heiss congratulated former Code Advisory Board member Michelle Wood for her award and her service to the Board.

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4. Frank Vuoso agreed with Brian Miller on his comments on the draft peer review changes and notes his availability to serve on the peer review committees.

G. Adjourn

Tony Neibert made a motion, which was seconded by Steven Rodzinak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.