

**CAB MINUTES**  
**June 12, 2020**

**UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes of Meeting, June 12, 2020**  
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

**Attendance**

Board Members

Beth Pochtar (Chair)  
John Scialla  
Doug Boydston  
Kathy Herity  
Henry Kelly  
Arthur Londensky  
Gregory Moten  
Tony Neibert  
Stephen Rodzinak  
Valerie Waricka  
Bob Mellohusky  
Mark Caputo

Members Absent: Andy Cattano, John DelColle, and Michael Seeve

DCA Staff

Edward Smith  
Robert Austin  
Marie Daniels  
John Delesandro  
Bob Hilzer  
Keith Makai  
Adam Matthews  
Erin Mifka  
Tom Pitcherello  
Dan Tobler  
Michael Whalen  
Chrys Wyluda

Guests:

John Drucker

Ms. Beth Pochtar, Chair of the Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Given the virtual format of the meeting, it was agreed that DCA Staff would guide conversation to the greatest extent possible.

**A. Approval of Minutes of the Code Advisory Board Meeting of December 13, 2019**

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Ms. Beth Pochtar noted that portions of the minutes discussing fiber reinforcement strips did not accurately capture the discussion; she clarified the discussion and asked that the minutes be amended accordingly. Staff agreed to the amendment.

*A motion was made, which was seconded, to approve the minutes without change. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **B. Subcode Committee Reports**

No subcode committee meetings were held prior to this meeting.

### **C. Old Business**

C.1. Draft Rule: Update to Reconstruction sections of the Rehabilitation Subcode for R-uses, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.26 & 6.27

Mr. Robert Austin explained to the Board that this item, upon review by the Electrical Subcode Committee, needed further review. The electrical subcode committee requested the discussion be tabled until such review is taken in the event of further changes. Board members agreed, stating a need to carefully consider how updating the rehabilitation subcode could impact the cost of work, as well as whether further updates would be needed.

*This item was referred back to the electrical subcode committee for further review.*

### **D. New Business**

D.1. Draft Rule: Responsibilities, solar update, N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4

Mr. Robert Austin introduced this item to the Board, explaining that upon the adoption of the 2018 model codes, the Department proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.4, Enforcement responsibilities, to align the content of the section with the model codes. In reviewing these amendments, certain oversights and inconsistencies have been identified that the Department now seeks to remedy. The changes in this proposal pertain to IBC Section 3111, Solar energy systems, IBC Section 3112, Greenhouses, and IRC Section 324, Solar thermal systems. Formerly, Section 3111 contained blanket designations wherein responsibility for plan reviews resided with building and fire protection subcode officials and responsibility for inspections resided with fire protection subcode officials. The proposed amendments will specify plan review and inspection responsibilities by subsection so as to mirror the responsibility breakdown assigned in IRC Section 324. Plan review and inspection responsibilities will also be assigned for Section 3112, Greenhouses.

This was initially referred to the building, fire protection, and electrical subcode committees. However, after the meeting was held, the chairs of these committees came to a consensus and stated that this item could be moved via email, and that the regular comment period entailed in rule proposals would be sufficient feedback on the draft rule.

*In a vote held via email, twelve board members voted, and one did not reply, to approve the draft rule.*

D.2. Draft Rule – Countertop Extensions, Receptacles – Rehab, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.8

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Mr. Robert Austin introduced this draft rule and explained that the draft would require extended countertop spaces (e.g. peninsulas) to be provided with the appropriate receptacle installation/placement. This modification would not apply to countertops that are being replaced in-kind. This item was directly related to the Old Business item C.1, above. In keeping with Old Business C.1, above, the Board tabled this item pending further review and potential changes from the electrical subcode committee.

*This item was referred to the electrical subcode committee.*

D.3. Draft Rule: Accessible Means of Egress and Rehab, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.9

Mr. Robert Austin introduced this draft rule and explained that the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) contained a provision that accessible means of egress are not required to be provided in existing buildings per exception 1 of Section 1009.1. With the adoption of the 2018 IBC, this exception was removed and likely placed in the International Existing Building Code. Because the Department follows its own existing building code, the Rehabilitation Subcode should be updated to reflect the same.

This was initially referred to the building subcode committee. However, after the meeting was held, the chair of the committee stated that this item could be moved via email, and that the regular comment period entailed in rule proposals would be sufficient feedback on the draft rule.

*In a vote held via email, twelve board members voted, and one did not reply, to approve the draft rule.*

### **E. Information**

1. CAB Tentative Meeting Dates 2020 – Aug 14; Oct 9; Dec 11
2. CAB Log  
The CAB Log was provided to the Board via email.
3. List of Pending Legislation (provided electronically)

### **F. Public Comments**

There were no public comments

### **G. Adjourn**

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM

### **H. Executive Session**

The Executive Session was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

### **I. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.