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**Existing Building Code Committee (Ch. 34)**

Chairman DiMascio took roll call at approximately 10:11 a.m.

*Layla D'Emilia, or designee	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
**Peter Ostroskey, or designee	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Fred Lonardo	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mike Tusino	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dana Haagenzen	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Kevin Hastings	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Vernon Woodworth	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Mike DiMascio, Chair	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
***Doug Anderson	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Lee Cleveland	<input type="checkbox"/> present	✓ absent
Michael Shearer	<input type="checkbox"/> present	✓ absent
Erik Eklund	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Barry Gehron	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Dave Horton	✓ present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

\* *Dan Walsh participated as the designee for DPL Commissioner, Layla D'Emilia.*

\*\**Jacob Nunnemacher participated as the designee for State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey.*

\*\*\**Doug Anderson signed into the meeting about 10:28 am.*

*This was a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting.*

*August 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes*

**General notes on format of these minutes**

- *These minutes represent general points of discussion by members and audience participants during the regular meeting session. The minutes are not intended to be a verbatim account of discussions.*
- *Votes are noted as MOTION by, seconded by, and whether it was a unanimous or split vote.*
- *Agenda topics as numbered may be in the same order as they appear on the meeting agenda.*
- *The meeting agenda is listed as EXHIBIT A; others are listed sequentially as addresses during the meeting.*

**Regular Meeting Portion**

1. Minutes. On a **MOTION** by Jacob Nunnemacher, seconded by Dave Horton, it was a unanimous vote to approve the draft meeting minutes for August 11, 2021, Existing Buildings Code Technical Advisory Committee (EAC) (**EXHIBIT B**). Fred Lonardo abstained.
2. Chairman DiMascio spoke about his proposal to change to Section 1301.3.4 and how it would work in the 2021 IEBC Chapter 13 (**EXHIBIT C**). This proposed change captures what Committee members have suggested that Chapter 13 allows avoiding installing fire sprinklers. He described the proposal requires every design, utilizing Chapter 13 as a compliance path, to seek a variance from the BCAB. Some committee members discussed Chapter 13, having been misused by designers by applying points available in the compliance path



for installing fire protection systems that do not provide any safety to the building. One situation involved a designer taking credit for installing a fire command center in a one-story building. The details that support the examples offered by Committee members have not been provided so each Committee member can understand the situations and process the issues. Not having the particular designs discussed foreclose the opportunity to analyze the facts and know whether the proposed change to 1301.3.4 Peer Review would fix the suggested problem.

The discussion moved to mandate fire sprinklers for every project that chooses to utilize Chapter 13 to fix the problem that has been suggested (Chapter 13 used to avoid installing fire sprinklers). Some expressed that Chapter 13 gives points for designs that elect to include different fire protection systems, and for this reason, the chapter does not allow an easy method to mandate fire sprinklers.

Some expressed the proposed change to 1001.3.4 does not fix the suggested problem, and if the BBRS removes the chapter, designers can choose to utilize the provisions in the chapter by seeking a variance from BCAB. Several members talked about not using Chapter 13 in their practice because it does not provide the design options they feel comfortable utilizing.

On a **MOTION** by Doug Anderson, seconded by Vernon Woodworth, it was a majority vote to delete Chapter 13 in the 2021 IEBC as a prescriptive path. Jacob Nunnemacher, Dana Haagensen, Kevin Hastings, Vernon Woodworth, Mike DiMascio, Erik Eklund, Barry Gehron, and voted in the affirmative. Dave Horton, Fred Lonardo, and Dan Walsh voted in the negative. The group generally discussed the cost implications of removing Chapter 13. Some expressed removing is a cost saver as doing so avoids scheduling delays during construction. Others talked about the costs varying depending on the situation. Some believe Chapter 13 is flawed and the cost represented in the projects that do not meet the intent of the code. One member suggested the cost impact is the fee to apply to the BCAB (\$150.00).

3. Adjourn Session. On a **MOTION** by, Jacob Nunnemacher seconded by Dana Haagensen, it was unanimously **VOTED** by ROLL CALL to adjourn the meeting @ approximately 11:30 a.m.

**EXHIBITS:**

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- A. Meeting Agenda.
- B. Draft Meeting Minutes August 11, 2021.
- C. 2021\_IEBC\_Working Draft Chapter 13\_ 2018 & 2021\_D 8-25-2021.