

**MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARDS SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD JULY 21, 2006 (via teleconference)**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
John Aho, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Roll call
Commission members John Aho, Gary Carver, Rod Combellick, Roger Hansen, Linda Freed, Dennis Nottingham, Dean Maxwell, Laura Kelly, and Roger Schnell were present.
Others present: Vickie Butherus, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS).
3. Agenda was approved with the addition of Commission Member Combellick discussing the two new member positions and recruiting applicants for them.
4. Introduction of new Commission member Dean Maxwell.
5. Commission member Hansen MOVED, seconded by Commission member Kelly, to approve the Minutes without changes. The motion passed by voice vote.

II. BRIEFINGS

- Commission member Hansen gave a brief Alaska seismicity report.
- Commission member Carver gave a brief report on the Kodiak project to assess the seismic safety of Kodiak public schools and suggested that the Commission start a similar initiative state wide. He suggested having Eddie Jeans, Director of School Finance, Department of Education, give a presentation at a Commission meeting regarding seismic safety in the state public school system.
- Commission member Hansen was asked to prepare a short presentation on earthquake magnitude for the next meeting. Also, explain how to interpret the black and white beach balls (focal mechanisms).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Action Item List-Chairman Aho would like to see the Commission have its own stationery. Commission member Hansen will look into someone at the Geophysical Institute developing a logo. Commission member Combellick will check on the DGGS standard and get samples from Susan Fischetti from other Commissions.

IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS), Sept 25-28; Commission member Hansen will email a draft of the ANSS performance standards to Commission members.
- FDIDC, Marlee Roberts of San Francisco is organizing a meeting in Anchorage, August 10. She will contact Chairman Aho to give a presentation on the effects of earthquakes and what San Francisco could do to make their buildings safer.
- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Sept. 13, 14, Fairbanks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chartering process – the Commission will meet September 7, 1-5 pm, to participate in a chartering session.
2. Critical Deadlines – FY08 ASHSC budget due approximately October 15, 2006; ANSS request for proposals for seismic and geodetic networks, September 15.
3. Assignment of tasks –
 - a. Commission member Carver and Chairman Aho agreed to take on the task of a work plan for a statewide assessment of school seismic safety.
 - b. Commission member Kelly and Chairman Aho agreed to look at some of the past programs around the country regarding earthquake risk mitigation and safety related to schools.
 - c. Commission member Nottingham agreed to look into the current status of school-specific building codes.
 - d. Commission member Maxwell agreed to write a two or three page white paper on earthquake insurance in general.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Budget : Budget report was emailed to all members prior to the meeting. As of 6/30/06 the total expenses were \$11,181.25. The budget was overspent by \$1,181.25. Commission member Combellick and Administrative Assistant Vickie Butherus will review the FY07 budget and give an estimate on how many times the Commission can meet face to face and via teleconference. The Commission might want to consider having meetings in Anchorage around other meetings that members might be attending for other purposes.
2. Recruitment of members for the new local-government positions is not going well. There have been no applicants other than from Anchorage.
3. Public Comments
None.
4. Next meeting will be September 8.

VIII. COMMISSION MEMBER GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. The Commission will meet on the September 7 & 8 in Anchorage. The 7th will be a Chartering session and the 8th will be the regular ASHSC meeting. It was agreed to hold off on recruiting for the positions due to the funding. The City of Kodiak might be able to pick up some of Commission member Freed's costs, and DGGS might be able to pick up some of Commission member Combellick and Administrative Assistant Butherus costs.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

1. Commission member Hansen MOVED, seconded by Commission member Nottingham, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.