

Meeting Minutes

1:00 – 3:00 pm, April 17, 2025 Teleconference (audio only call-in available)

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1. Opening Business

1:00 pm

- a. Call to Order (Chair)
 - Roll call (Chair) Thomas Bergey, John Huffman, Liam Knecht, Colin Maynard, Nick Murray, Barrett Salisbury
 - ii. Guests Anthony Picasso
- b. Welcome John Huffman, introductions
- c. Ethics Act (Chair) http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html Nothing to report
- d. Approval of the Agenda all in favor, no objection
- e. Review/Approval of February 20, 2025 minutes –all in favor, no objection
- f. Budget Update There are still some funds that can be spent before June 30th
- g. Public Comment Time was given, No comment

2. Committee Reports

a. Building code subcommittee – Nothing new, waiting on proposals for RFP.

3. Old/Unfinished Business

- a. Vote to adopt new versions of Charter v4, Strategic Plan v4, Rules of Procedure V3 All in favor, no objection.
- b. Updating Policy Recommendations (leftover from Nov 2024)
 - School facilities C. Maynard combine the three school policies into One (2013-2, 2015-1,2 and possibly archive 2010)
 - ii. Public buildings critical to civil defense (combination of PRs 2011-3 and 2015-3) –
 B. Salisbury feels it is important to keep policy recommendations for public buildings
 - iii. Advocacy for EQ Research Program—Groundwork for seismic safety (DGGS EQ response plan, update to AK QFF database) B. Salisbury is still working on this item.
 - iv. Responding to significant EQ (inspections, liability) A. Bacsuk and B. Fisher are still working on the recommendation that small communities are responsible for identifying local building inspectors.



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- c. HB80 No movement in L&C since 1/31/25 provide Bill Analysis is on hold, Action item* B.
 Salisbury and C. Maynard draft letter of policy recommendation to Governor to endorse
 HB80
- d. Building code study iRFP -> single source RAP This did not receive any proposals so it will be extended another week and reopened for single source request for alternative procurement.

4. New Business

a. none

5. Briefings

- a. AK Div. of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (Salisbury) DGGS is hoping to combine the Volcano section with the Hazards section. Currently seeking a Landslide Hazards manager and still looking for Director.
- b. AK Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Fisher)- Emergency Managers conference this week. Earthquake Program Managers Meeting was cancelled. NTHMP annual meeting is still happening in May and the Southeast Alaska Seismic Hazards workshop in Ketchikan.
- c. AK Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities (Murray)- Earthquake drill within the DOT bridge office.
- d. GAC: AELS (Maynard) Attended a conference with GAC, AELS is going thru review, bill is heading to Senate floor.

6. Closing Matters

- a. Next scheduled meeting, June 19th 2025
 - i. Abbie Liel presentation on housing resilience and/or Scott Hammel
 - ii. Jaiswal/Powers presentation on AK SHM and FEMA P-366 updates (in lieu of presentations at National EQ Program Managers Mtg) C. Maynard proposed this for the August meeting.
- b. Final comments, ad hoc items

-ADJOURN for Executive Session

2:00 PM