# **Meeting Minutes**



1:00 – 3:00 pm, August 17, 2023 MSTeams Video Teleconference (Audio only call-in optional)

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### 1. Opening Business

a. Call to Order (Chair)

1:03pm

i. Roll call (Admin) Present: Aaron Baczuk, Thomas Bergey, Colin Maynard, Nicholas Murrey, Natalia Ruppert, Barrett Salisbury,

Excused: Bryan Fisher, Daniel Neuffer

Absent: Samuel Bass (resignation letter forth coming)

- ii. Guests
- a. Cecily Wolfe (USGS)
- b. Doug Given (USGS)
- c. Valerie Thomas (USGS)
- d. Anthony Picasso (AK DHS&EM)
- b. Ethics Act (Chair) <a href="http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html">http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics/EthicsInfoBC.html</a>
  Nothing to report.
- c. Approval of the Agenda *C. Maynard approved T. Bergey seconded, approved without objection*
- d. Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes *T. Bergey approved N. Ruppert seconded*.
- e. Budget Update Fresh start for FY24
- f. Public Comment time provided, no public comment

#### 2. New Business

a. Earthquake Early Warning Area of Coverage (C. Wolfe, D. Given) Phase 1 of Shake Alert - ASHSC was provided with information and maps on proposed area of coverage for the Earthquake Early Warning System. D. Given recapped on the basics of EEW. After discussion and questions, it was decided to keep the proposed area for review of cost and feasibility of these areas. As well as break

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down areas to review those costs. A reminder that this is only a study to be presented to congress.

b. Full Commission introductions

#### 3. Old Business

- a. Building Code Adoption & Enforcement & NEHRP ISEA grant
  - i. Additional funding (A. Picasso) -
  - ii. 2-year RFP Solicitation, end Jan 2025 (B. Salisbury)

FEMA has awarded additional funds. B. Salisbury suggested reaching out to Abby Liel; Colorado based Engineer and Susan Ostermann; Social Scientist at Notre Dame, for suggestions on Building Code project. Liel and Ostermann have been conducting research on housing resilience in Alaska as part of a broader study. B. Salisbury will also share the draft RFP with the new members.

- b. 2023 Ongoing Tasks
  - i. ASHSC members (B. Salisbury) Samuel Bass and new member Robert Gillespie have resigned. The committee is needing to fill three seats.
  - ii. Building code subcommittee (B. Salisbury)
    - 1. ASHSC members: Salisbury, Fisher, Ruppert,
      - a. First meeting, ASHSC members only *T. Bergey cautioned* that no more than three Commission members (possibly two) so the meeting can be made informal.
    - 2. Guest Members:
      - a. Lori Wing-Heier (Div. of Insurance)
      - b. Lloyd Nakano (State Fire Marshal)
      - c. John Thornley (WSP Engineering)
      - d. Scott Hamel (UAA Engineering)
      - e. Anita Baker (AK Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
      - f. AK Housing Finance Corp?

## 4. Briefings

- a. Alaska Earthquake Center (Ruppert) nothing new to report.
- b. AK Div. of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (Salisbury) Published a tsunami inundation report for Anchorage and Upper Cook Inlet.

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- c. AK Div. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (*Picasso*) *Two disasters FEMA is providing assistance with, Wildfires in the interior and the Juneau ice jam/ flooding.*
- d. AK Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities (Murray) Grant from ARROW program. Planning for mock earthquake drills in rural areas such as Bethel.

### 5. Closing Matters

- a. Next meeting Schedule an in person meeting for October in Anchorage. Then move forward with standing monthly meetings third Thursday, 1-3 pm.
- b. Final comments ad hoc N. Murray brought up Mike West's concerns with FEMA P366 he wanted ASHSC to write a letter of support on the report. B. Salisbury gave an overview of the issues that M. West brought up in a previous meeting.
  B. Salisbury would like to invite the authors of the study to review questions that are not clear. This will be an item for the next meeting.
- c. -ADJOURN 2:35pm