



Board Committee on the
**LONG TERM CODE
DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

**MEETING OF THE
ICC BOARD COMMITTEE ON THE LONG
TERM CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:**

STRUCTURAL WORK GROUP

**MEETING NOTES
November 10, 2020**

Administration

- November 10th: 9 am – 10 am Central
- Approximately 57 attendees
- **Agenda: Code Council Board's recommendation of considering the development of a Code Council Energy Standard**

General Discussion

- On the LTCDP agenda as a recommendation from the Board following the 2019 Group B appeals process
- Use ICC's Consensus Procedures for developing standards vs the current Governmental Consensus Process used to develop the I-Codes
- Resulting document becomes a replacement for IECC and Chapter 11 of the IRC and must be developed/updated in a timely fashion with the remaining I-Codes
- ASHRAE 90.1 is currently referenced in the IECC as an alternative to the commercial IECC provisions
- Developing and updating a standard will be more work for ICC staff due to the number of meetings required

In Favor of Energy Standard

- Provides more time for technical discussion than current code process
- More deliberative process
- Follows ANSI Essential Requirements: Open; Balanced committee; Public review; etc.
- 2/3 vote of committee required to approve an item; ICC OGCV requires a 2/3 or 1/2 majority depending on the CAH result
- May result in a more rational approach to energy provision development via a consistent methodology for issues like pay back
- More opportunities for consensus building
- Standards process is typically slower than the code process

Opposed to Energy Standard

- ICC is the leader in energy; no competition for the IECC; it's been a 20 year success story with countless hours of development behind it
- Follows ICC's Governmental Consensus Process, like the other I-Codes, with the final decision on content resting with the public safety officials
- The code process is open to everyone with significant opportunities for direct participation; may not see the same level of direct participation in a standards process – especially code officials
- States rely on the adoption of the IECC
- The IECC is part of the family of I-Codes. Why is it being considered for isolation from the rest of the I-Codes?
- Replacing the IECC with an energy standard may present business risk to ICC due to the vast interest in the code
- Other organizations rely on the IECC such as the US Conference of Mayors
- Any consideration of replacing the energy codes with a standard requires input from the Governmental Members of ICC as evidenced by the considerable amount of input received in the recent appeals process and the 2019 Group B OGCV vote counts on the energy provisions

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