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**Minutes of 02/11/2025**

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Bick, Chair  
John Cotner  
Kent Soelberg  
Jon Laux  
Jeremy Maxand  
Kelly Daniels  
Tyler Drechsel  
Luke Kilcup

**Division Staff:** Justin Touchstone, Executive Officer  
Gus Tate, Legal Counsel  
Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

**Board Members Absent:** Justin Goodwin  
Nick Guho

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM (MT) by Chair Andrew Bick.

**REVISION OF AGENDA:** Agenda Item “Negotiated Rulemaking for Code Adoption” was removed by Chair Bick due to the Board no longer needing to discuss or make a decision on the topic.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the 10/22/2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**Introduction of the New Building Program Manager:** Executive Officer (EO) Justin Touchstone introduced Joe Rotta as the new Building Program Manager.

**Legislative Update:** EO Touchstone announced several House Bills, three of which, H0014 “Idaho Code Cleanup”, H0086 “Electrical Vehicles/Building Code”, and H0152 “Occupational Licenses, Fees”, will directly affect the Board. EO Touchstone will continue to monitor those bills, as well as research H0104 “Agricultural Buildings” as recommended by Board Member Jon Laux.

**Financial Report:** The First and Second Quarter Financials for FY2025 were provided. The Board will continue to monitor revenue in order to assess future fee adjustments.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers:** A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Andrew Bick as Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to nominate John Cotner as Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

**Temporary Rule for Lithium-Ion Batteries Update:** A temporary rule regarding Lithium-Ion Batteries, IDAPA 24.39.30.600.02 and .03, was submitted to the Governor's office but was not approved. The Board has been requested to make a more permanent rule change. EO Touchstone will be meeting with the Governor's Office on February 2, 2025, at 3pm to discuss what they would like to see from the Board.

**Overview of the International Building Code (IBC):** The Board received packets to review from the International Code Council on the transitions from 2018 to 2024 of the International Building Code (IBC) and International Residential Code, including the American National Standards Institute A117.1-2017: Accessible and Usable Buildings Standard. The International Energy Code will also be covered. Further discussions on this topic will be held at future meetings.

**Building Code Crosswalk:** EO Touchstone presented his draft of the Building Code Crosswalk. The Board will review and provide guidance for the Crosswalk before it is sent to the 2026 legislature. The document will be available to the public on the DOPL website throughout the development process.

**Public Meeting Dates:** Additional meeting dates were tentatively proposed to the Board for review of the 2024 Building and Energy code cycles. Official dates will be available once a decision has been made by the Board.

**Public Comment:** Sam Zahorka, City of Meridian, suggested the Board review the existing 2024 Building Code to ensure that the IBC stays in line with it.

Jason Blais, City of Boise, stated that individuals that are adjusting to the 2024 changes are requesting code modifications to the IBC to align with the 2024 Building Code.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM.

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