

MINUTES

2018 International Residential Code Task Force

Second Meeting
January 31, 2018
10:00 A.M.

WELCOME

Tracy Hester, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by welcoming and introducing Task Force members, Department of Community Affairs (DCA) staff and all guests.

REVISIT ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- A discussion of the definitions in Chapter 11 and whether they should be included or referenced if Chapter 11 is deleted. A motion was made to delete Chapter 11 and any references to it (see Formal Motions).
- Discussion of Georgia Amendment to Section R321 Elevators and Platform Lifts regarding the new standard. The State Fire Marshal's Office was contacted and recommended bringing the amendment forward with a reference to the new standard. (see Formal Motions)

CHAPTER REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

- Ryan Taylor led the discussion of the team report for Chapters 4-10 and provided notes on significant changes to the task force members to assist in the review.
- A number of changes to the Seismic Design Categories affect Chapter 4 requirements.
- Table 403.3(1) Insulation Requirements for Frost-Protected Footings led to discussion to bring forward a previous Georgia amendment that was aimed at termite prevention and protection. A motion was made and withdrawn by Tim Williams.
- The task force decided it was better to delete and replace Figures R403.3(1) and R403.3(3). (see Formal Motions)
- Ryan Taylor will provide the amended diagrams to the task force.
- The amendment submitted to R404.6 regarding Helical Piles was discussed and it was pointed out that engineers can already approve the use of helical piles in their design. A motion was made to disapprove the amendment. (see Formal Motions)
- Floor joist spans were adjusted in the 2015 IRC.
- A discussion about R502.6 Bearing highlighted some confusion about the last sentence of the section requiring 48 square inches of bearing. A motion was made to strike the last sentence of this section. (see Formal Motions)
- There was a lengthy discussion about R507 and the *Prescriptive Deck Details* in the Georgia Amendments.
- Bettie Sleath commented that HBAG was in favor of eliminating the Prescriptive Deck Details from the Georgia Amendments and a motion was made by Tim Williams to do eliminate them from the Georgia Amendments. (see Formal Motions)
- Tim Williams provided the task force with a draft of potential amendments to R507 and there was a long discussion about the placement of lag screws and bolts in band joists.

- Tim Williams would like to add an exception to R507.9.2 Lateral Connection. A final draft of the amendment language will be brought to the next meeting.
- An amendment to R507.9.2 would require revisions and clarifications to Figures R507.9.1.3(1) and (2) and R507.9.2(1) and (2). Ryan Taylor and Tim Williams will work to revise ahead of the next meeting.
- Tim Williams would like to add a detail to Figure R507.5.1(1) and revise the detail notes. A final draft of the amendment will be brought to the next meeting. Ryan and Tim will edit the detail and the notes from the draft that Tim provided (replace language for resistance rating to A23 and delete “toe”)
- Chapter 6 review highlighted minimum studs at headers and discussion of bracing methods led to a motion to bring forward exception to 602.10 Wall bracing in the 2014 Georgia Amendments. (see Formal Motions)
- Review of Chapter Grouting Requirements in Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 Wall Covering made it clear there was no longer a need for the 2014 Georgia Amendments regarding Exterior Covering.
- R806.5.2-More discussion may be required at next meeting. Ryan Taylor will contact National Lab for additional comments.
- Chapter 8 discussion of attic access amendment R807.1.1 was tabled until the next meeting when the proponents were present.
- Chimney Insulation Shield was questioned in Chapter 10, but no amendment was presented.
- The existing Georgia Amendments were reviewed and many existing Georgia State Amendments were not carried forward for Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8. Any amendments carried forward will be reflected in report form provided at the next task force meeting.

LUNCH BREAK. The task force broke for lunch (11:30 P.M.-12:15 P.M.)

FORMAL MOTIONS

- *A motion was made by Josh Roth and seconded by Joe Griggs to approve the minutes from the January 10th task force meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Josh Roth and seconded by Neal Davis to delete Chapter 11 and any reference to Chapter 11. Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Josh Roth to delete and replace the Insulation Details on Figure R403.3(1) and R403.3(3). Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Josh Roth and seconded by Stanley Richardson to disapprove the amendment submitted to Section R404.6 regarding helical piles. Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Stanley Richardson to strike the last sentence of section 502.6 Bearing. Motion Carried with James Martin and Ryan Taylor voting Nay.*
- *A motion was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Stanley Richardson to delete the Prescriptive Deck Details document in the current Georgia State Amendments. Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Josh Roth and seconded by Ryan Taylor to bring forward the exception to R602.10 Wall bracing in the current 2014 Georgia State Amendments. Motion Carried Unanimously.*

- *A motion was made by Tim Williams and seconded by Joe Griggs to disapprove the amendment submitted to Section R315.3 Location. Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- *A motion was made by Neal Davis and seconded by Josh Roth to bring forward the 2015 Georgia State Amendment to R321 to include R321.1.1 with revised standard ASME A17.1/CSA B44. Motion Carried Unanimously.*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TESTIMONY

- Andrea Papageorge with Southern Company/ AGL provided testimony in support of her amendments submitted to R315.2.1 and R315.3. The amendment to R315.2.1 withdrawn because it mirrored the task force approved amendment. The amendment to R315.2 Location was disapproved. (see Formal Motions)

CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- Chairman Hester announced the next scheduled meeting is February 21, 2018 and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Task Force Members Present: Tracy Hester, Tim Williams, Josh Roth, James Martin, Ryan Taylor, Neal Davis, Stanley Richardson and Joe Griggs

Staff Members Present: Ted Miltiades, Bill Towson, Matt McConnell and Kadedra Caldwell

Guests: Bettie Sleeth, (HBAG); Bryan Holland (NEMA); Paul Coats (AWC); Craig Dickerson, Decksorce; Jimmy Reynolds, Green South Energy Solutions; Andrea Papageorge, Southern Company Gas / AGL

End of Minutes.