



## **Meeting Minutes Board of Examiners and Appeals**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Public Service Building  
1210 NW Prairie Ridge Dr, Ankeny, Iowa

The February 11, 2025 meeting of the Board of Examiners and Appeals was called to order at 5:44pm. by B. Carr.

Members present: B. Carr, C. Layland, B. Frideres. Members absent: S. Stephan

Staff present: J. Junker, J. Agan, B. Hatchet

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no amendments to the agenda. A motion was made by C. Layland and seconded by B. Frideres to approve the agenda. All voted aye, agenda approved.

### **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 08, 2024 MEETING:**

A motion was made by B. Frideres and seconded by C. Layland to approve the minutes of the October 08, 2024 meeting. All voted aye, minutes from October 08, 2024 approved.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**Board Attendance 2024:** B. Carr recognized B. Frideres and C. Layland for attending all meetings in 2024.

**Board 2025 Meeting Dates:** B. Carr pointed out the meeting dates for 2025 are listed in the meeting packet.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** B. Carr called for nominations for chairperson for 2025. B. Frideres nominated B. Carr. No further nominations were made. All voted aye in favor of B. Carr to serve as chairperson for 2025.

B. Carr called for nominations for vice chairperson for 2025. B. Frideres nominated C. Layland. No further nominations were made. All voted aye in favor of C. Layland to serve as vice chairperson for 2025.

### **General Discussion:**

J. Junker announced the State of Iowa is looking to update the codes to 2024 codes. The Plumbing and Mechanical Board is holding public hearings for the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code, 2024 International Mechanical Code and the 2024 International Fuel Gas Code. The Electrical Board is holding public hearings on the 2023 NEC. The Building Code Commissioners held a public hearing on the 2024 International Residential Code, the 2024 International Building Code and the 2024 International Existing Building Code. The State Fire Marshal is holding public hearings on the 2024 International Fire Code. The hope is to have a July [2025] roll out of these codes.

The building code discussions that have been held, have had a lot of input from the National Home Builder's Association. They do seem receptive to moving to a new code, rather than back tracking. However, they have concerns with the energy code. The energy code has been on the 2012 series for a while. It is unknown at this time if there will be a move to a newer energy code. B. Frideres asked what the concern was. J. Junker responded the concern was around cost. The National Home Builder's Association is claiming it will cost way more than what would be recouped within a lifetime of a home.

At this time, there doesn't seem to be any push to roll back to the 2015 codes. This was something the legislature was talking about doing in the last couple of years.

The legislature is currently looking at radon mitigation. Iowa House File 82 passed the sub-committee review. It has yet to be reviewed by the full committee. However, it does seem there is a lot of traction this year to require radon mitigation in all 1-2 family residential construction. The State Health Department has been pushing for this for years but it seems the American Lung Association is also pushing for it now, due to Iowa's radon issues. If this passed, it would be a state-wide requirement, irrespective of code cycles.

There is also a suggestion that the State put a moratorium on sprinkler systems in residences of no more than seven units. However, at this time, there has not been a consensus on how this is defined. It is unclear if this includes townhomes, condos, apartments or a room/boarding house of no more than seven units/rooms.

## **REPORTS:**

J. Junker started reports with the January 2025 residential numbers are ahead of January 2024. The January 2025 commercial valuation and total overall valuation is also ahead of 2024. Inspections have not felt as busy but the numbers show there have been about the same amount of inspections compared to 2024. Rentals continue to be as busy as the cycle allows. With the lack of snow this winter, complaints submitted to Code Enforcement have been at a minimum so far this year.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by C. Layland and seconded by B. Frideres to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.

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Submitted by Brierly Hatchet  
Recording Secretary  
Board of Examiners and Appeals