

Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board
April 6, 2017
Home Builders Association of Alabama

Board Members and ADECA Staff in Attendance:

- **Beth Chancey – Property and Casualty Insurance Industry**
- **Brad Clark – Natural Gas Industry**
- **Sam Davis – Licensed Professional Engineers**
- **Bill DeLoney – Home Builders Licensure Board**
- **Cory Ellis, Vice-Chairman – Rural Electric Co-ops**
- **Greg Gilchrist – Alabama Joint Fire Council**
- Heather Goggin – ADECA Energy Division/Administrator, AERC Board
- Kathy Hornsby – ADECA Energy Division
- **Glen Nuby – Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Board**
- **Scott Pilgreen – LP Gas Board**
- **Shon Richey, Chairman – Private, Investor Owned Electric Utility Industry**
- **Jerry Russell – Alabama League of Municipalities**
- **Jimmy Rutland – Home Builders Association**
- **Lannie Smith – International Code Council/Code Officials Association of Alabama**
- **Linda Snapp – American Institute of Architects, Alabama Chapter**

Board Members Not in Attendance:

- Representative Alan Boothe – House Member, Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy
- Matthew Danner – County Commissions
- Steve Roberson – Natural Gas Industry
- Josh Johnson – Board of General Contractors
- Senator Cam Ward – Senate Member, Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy

Also in Attendance:

- Tim Kendrick – Alabama Pest Control Association
- Lance Latham – Alabama Manufactured Housing Association
- Bourke Reeve - Southface
- Jason Reid – Home Builders Association of Alabama
- Mark Roberts – International Codes Council
- Aaron Walker - Skyetec
- Bret Warren – Home Builders Association of Alabama

Chairman Shon Richey thanked Mr. Jason Reid and the Home Builders Association of Alabama for organizing the meeting. At 10:04 am, Chairman Richey called the meeting to order and asked Board members to spend a few minutes reviewing the minutes from the January 17,

2017, meeting. Mr. Jimmy Rutland made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, with a second from Mr. Sam Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Richey introduced new Board Member Brad Clark, who represents the natural gas industry. Mr. Clark replaced Mr. Steve Roberson, who served the ten-year maximum on the Board. Chairman Richey then stated that he would be leaving the meeting early and asked Vice-Chairman Cory Ellis to oversee the business of the meeting, and asked Vice-Chairman Ellis for an update from the Energy Subcommittee. Vice-Chairman Ellis stated that the committee had reviewed an above code program proposal from Alabama Power, and recommended it for approval. The program includes the *Superior Solutions New Home Program – Gold* as a Code Compliant option (ERI between 65-70), and the *Superior Solutions New Home Program – Platinum* as an Above Code option (ERI less than 65). Mr. Greg Gilchrist made a motion to approve the proposal, and Mr. Jimmy Rutland seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the approval. Vice-Chairman Ellis then said that there was an additional proposal at the Energy Subcommittee meeting that was not included on the agenda, and asked Mr. Bret Warren to present his proposed code amendment. Mr. Warren provided copies of a proposed amendment to section R403.3.4 of the Alabama Energy and Residential Code which would allow for total duct leakage to the outside to be less than or equal to 4 cubic feet per minute per 100 square feet of conditioned floor area. Mr. Warren stated that allowing this to be tested as leakage to the outside will make it significantly easier for contractors to comply. Mr. Gilchrist made a motion to accept the proposed amendment and begin the rulemaking process as presented, and Mr. Rutland seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Vice-Chairman Ellis called on Ms. Heather Goggin to review the previously proposed administrative amendments and any comments that were submitted. Ms. Goggin shared that the proposed amendments included combining the "Organization" and "Administration" sections of the Code; defining the "Officers" of the Board; changing the "Term Limits" to allow two consecutive two-year terms in each office rather than two consecutive one-year terms; defining the Officers roles; codifying the subcommittee structure and process; and changing the Alabama Residential Building Code so that Chapter 11 is deleted to reference the IECC as amended in its place. She also stated that no comments were received during the comment period. Mr. Davis moved to adopt the proposed amendments, and Mr. DeLoney seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by the Board.

Vice-Chairman Ellis called on Chairman Richey to make a presentation before leaving. Chairman Richey asked Mr. Roberson to come forward, and recognized the time and effort that he has put into his years on the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board, and thanked him for his contributions to the State of Alabama. He presented Mr. Roberson with a Certificate of Appreciation, and shared that one will also be presented to Mr. Joe Rogers, who has also reached his maximum term limit representing the Alabama Board of General Contractors.

