

**Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board**  
**November 19, 2019**  
**Alabama Center for Commerce**

Board Members and ADECA Staff in Attendance (Quorum not in attendance):

- **Paul Antoine - Alabama County Governments**
- **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**
- Heather Goggin – ADECA Energy Division/Administrator, AERC Board
- **Josh Johnson – Board of General Contractors**
- **Glen Nuby – Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Board**
- **Scott Pilgreen – LP Gas Board**
- **Jerry Russell – Alabama League of Municipalities**
- **Jimmy Rutland – Home Builders Association**
- **Lannie Smith – International Code Council/Code Officials Association of Alabama**

Board Members Not in Attendance:

- Representative Alan Boothe – House Member, Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy
- Greg Gilchrist – Alabama Joint Fire Council
- Shon Richey, Chairman – Private, Investor Owned Electric Utility Industry
- Senator Cam Ward – Senate Member, Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy
- Bill Whittaker – American Institute of Architects, Alabama Chapter

Also in Attendance:

- Tim Jordan - Code Officials Association of Alabama
- John Sorrell – Alabama Concrete Industries Association
- Jason Reid, Home Builders Association of Alabama
- Sonny Richardson

At 10:00 am, Vice-Chairman Cory Ellis called the meeting to order. He explained that the minutes that were distributed for approval were from the July 2017 Board meeting. While the Board met in 2018, there was not a quorum present, so the July 2017 minutes could not be approved. Jimmy Rutland made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Bill DeLoney. The motion to approve passed unanimously. Vice-Chairman Ellis shared that the next item on the agenda was to discuss the Board's plan for consideration of the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) and 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). He stated that the Federal regulations say that the Board must go through a full consideration process

including public comment for the energy codes. However, for the residential building code, the state law does not require the same in-depth process. He then asked Jason Reid with the Home Builders Association of Alabama to discuss some potential upcoming legislation that could affect the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes. Mr. Reid stated that there was currently some discussion about legislation regarding code enforcement across the state and suggested that the Board might want to consider that in making updates and changes to the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes. Vice-Chairman Ellis stated that based on this information, his concern about moving forward to the 2018 codes would be that it could create a greater imbalance between areas with a currently enforced up to date code and areas where there is not a currently enforced up to date code. Further discussion took place regarding how the proposed legislation could impact locally adopted codes, including the possible need for establishing a minimum code statewide and the possible impacts to property insurance with a statewide enforced code. Heather Goggin asked Board members to let her know if anyone already has the 2018 IRC and IECC Code books to know how many books need to be ordered for Board members to use in the code consideration.

Vice-Chairman Ellis asked for any other business. Sonny Richardson stated that he has been part of several conversations regarding commercial economizers, and whether there is room to make an amendment to the commercial code to lower the required costs. Vice-Chairman Ellis referred the matter to the Energy Subcommittee for consideration.

Board members scheduled subcommittee meetings for January 14, 2020. Mr. Deloney made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Rutland. Vice-Chairman Ellis adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.

Prepared by Heather Goggin, attested by Karl Frost

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Karl P. Frost  
Signature

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Date