

**VPMIA General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Holiday Inn & Suites Virginia Beach - North Beach**

**April 3rd, 2024**

**4:30pm – 5:30pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Determination of Quorum

Report of Officers:

Secretary (Peter Kapitan)

Treasurer (Joshua Rolfe)

Executive Secretary (Chris Martin)

Ex-Officio Committee Officers:

**ICC:**

**ICC Region VII:** Joshua Rolfe

**DHCD:**

**DPOR:** Jerry Heinline

Standing Committees:

Advertising/Yearbook (James Anjam)

Auditing (Frederick Crowell II)

Awards (Tom Clark)

Bylaws (Skip Harper)

Certification/Education (Anthony McMahan)

Finance (Joshua Rolfe)

Information Technology (Jane Kim)

Nominating (Anthony McMahan)

Legislative (Ron Clements)

Membership (Chris Martin)

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas (Dennis Hart)

Time and Place/ School of Instruction (Bob Akins)

Ad HOC Committees:

BCAAC (Vacant)

Building Safety Month (Tom Clark)

VCEC (Anthony McMahan/Tom Clark)

VBCOA Liaison (David Beahm)

Old Business:

1. Bylaw Change to add fiscal year start date

New Business:

1. Location for Summer SOI
2. Location of 2025 Spring SOI

Other Business:

Adjourn

# Treasurer's Report

3/30/2024



**Truist Account \$36,529.61 Paypal balance \$24574.52**

**Treasurer Credit Card Balance - \$0 United account \$959**

**Regular withdrawal from constant contact (\$23.16)**

- **Promotional items and rewards (flashlights, pens, golf tees, clips, etc) \$4,793.39 3/26/24**
- **Scholarships were awarded for the Upcoming ICC event in April Approximately (\$2500 each)**
- **Created documents for the Statement of Financial position to pass along to the next treasurer**
- **Credit card is being processed and waiting to receive it in the mail as the final documents were finalized.**
- **Payment for the spring SOI will be processed soon after the conference. Approx (30K)**

**Joshua Rolfe  
Treasurer, VPMIA**

From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 3/29/24

Reference: 4/3/24 General Membership Meeting

To: Peter Kapitan, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2023 Dues.

**Active Membership List**-----317

Lifetime Members-----27

Honorary Members-----6

Retired Members-----5

Retired Members Paid Dues-----0

Members Not Paid 2024 Dues-----156

Active Members Paid 2024 Dues-----161

**Associate Membership List**-----21

Lifetime Members-----12

Members Not Paid 2024 Dues-----14

Associate Members Paid 2024 Dues-----7

**New Active Members:**

1. Sean Finney – Inspector with Prince William County
2. Timothy Tangen – Inspector with Prince William County
3. Patrik Mullins – Residential Inspector with Stafford County
4. Matthew Perry – Plan Reviewer with Warren County
5. Kevin Perry – Deputy building Official with Warren County
6. Monica Cousins – Training Coordinator with DHCD
7. Loretta Richardson – Code Compliance Inspector with the City of Martinsville
8. Thomas Mayhew – Building Official with the City of Winchester
9. Gregory Koerner – Combination Inspector with Fairfax County

**New Associate Members:**

1. Ronald Bryant – CEO of The Bryant Group Inc.

**If anyone has any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at work # 703-228-3854, cell # 571-220-9856, or email [cmmartin@arlingtonva.us](mailto:cmmartin@arlingtonva.us)**

Thank You,

Christopher M. Martin

PayPal Balance \$24574.52

VPMIA Executive Secretary

## 2/2/2024 VPMIA BoD Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.

A quorum was established.

The meeting minutes from 10/20/23 were approved.

Registration is now open for the SOI.

Spring SOI we have combined tabletops and yearbooks into one sponsorship: gold, platinum, and silver. Platinum will have an ad in the yearbook, tabletop, and two registrations; gold will have an ad, tabletop, and one registration; and silver will have an ad in the yearbook.

Josh Rolfe gave the Treasurer's report - Attached.

Chris Martin gave the Executive Secretary's report – Attached. Membership is down due to budget shortfalls.

ICC report attached.

ICC Region VII Ashley Delgado will take over.

James Anjam gave the Yearbook report. Vic has contacted the past vendors about participating in our yearbook, and we have received three replies. James has presented a clip of the proposed new digital yearbook.

Tom Clark Awards – building safety month had two participants: Alexandria and Prince William. Alexandria was awarded last year. Tom will send something out for feedback on other jurisdictions' plans.

Bylaws Skip – no report.

Certification and Education -Anthony – Our training for the 2021 code cycle will be pushed until after the SOI. The training schedule for the SOI has been set.

IT – Jane will be stepping back from this position due to work conflicts. We are looking for someone to fill this position.

PMG Dennis – Report attached. 2024 code development ongoing, proposals closed on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We have submitted four proposals. Committee action hearings have been scheduled for group A for April 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.

Building Safety Month -Tom Clark – Would like to meet at Virginia Beach to discuss this further.

VCEC – Future meetings are being planned now.

VBCOA – Report submitted.

Old Business – Chris Martin had two members from Prince William select the free membership. The free memberships were expired but are still on the website. All other members have renewed. The board and members present voted to honor the two memberships and ensure the website is updated.

New Business – Spring SOI April 3-5, the gift to the membership was discussed and a flashlight was agreed upon by the majority. A discussion took place regarding who to invite to be the guest speaker at the banquet. If anyone recommends someone please reach out to Dennis.

A motion was made to a lot of \$1000.00 for promotional items and was approved.

Dennis inquired about offering scholarships to the ICC code hearings in Orlando. A motion was made by Tom Clark to offer five scholarships for \$1000 each. The motion was approved.

Josh Rolfe has proposed by-laws change to add a fiscal year date from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Josh has pointed out that this would be the best date as it coincides with the turnover of officers. It was agreed upon to present this to the general membership during the meeting during the SOI.

## **VBCOA/VPMIA 2024 Session (Waiting on Governor's actions) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT as of 4-01-24**

Thru- HB1545, HJ90, HR31, SB736, SJ61, SR7

The legislative committee met via conference call on 01-17-24 with a quorum present.

### **HB 66 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** As amended will require SFPC be amended to Title 22 fire drill requirements.

*Chief patron: Campbell*

**Public schools; fire drills; timing and frequency.** Requires the first of the two fire drills required during the first 20 days of each public-school session to be conducted during the first 10 days of such school session. The bill also requires every public school to hold additional fire drills during the remainder of such school session as required by the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, which currently requires such additional fire drills to be conducted on a monthly basis.

### **HB 197 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-** Includes tax credit for permit/inspection fees.

*Chief patron: Krizek*

**Tax credit; solar energy equipment.** Establishes a nonrefundable income tax credit for taxable years 2024 through 2028 for individuals who incur allowable expenses, as defined in the bill, for the purchase and installation of solar energy equipment, as defined in the bill.

### **HB 198 Status- Stricken from docket**

**No Position-** Requires a VDOE study that includes regulatory recommendations.

*Chief patron: Krizek*

**Department of Energy; potential benefits of using solar energy for certain residential, commercial, and government applications; report.** Directs the Department of Energy (Department) to produce a report that (i) quantifies the potential benefits of using solar energy for residential, commercial, and government building rooftops, parking lots, and brownfields across the Commonwealth; (ii) describes any incentives, in whole or in part, that would maximize such potential benefits from the use of such solar energy; and (iii) provides regulatory and legislative recommendations.

### **HB 229 Status- Stricken from docket**

### **SB 200 Status- Continued**

**No Position-** Need to determine if applicable to code related notices such as notice of appeals board hearings or notices prior to demolishing structures.

*Chief patron: Campbell (HB 229), Diggs (SB 200)*

**Advertisement of legal notices; website.** Allows a locality to advertise legal notices on the locality's website instead of, or in addition to, publishing such notices in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality.

### **HB 241 Status- Left in committee**

**No Position-** Amendment requires these facilities comply with the USBC but does not affect the USBC provisions.

*Chief patron: McQuinn*

**Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers; licensure; regulation.** Authorizes the Board of Health to license prescribed pediatric extended care centers. The bill establishes the scope of services offered by such centers and requirements for operation, management, staffing, facilities, and maintenance and directs the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

### **HB 247 Status- Continued**

**No Position-** Came from an issue in Fairfax that started as a question about amending the VPMC regarding heating and cooling. Not a code issue as written but on the list to watch.

*Chief patron: Glass*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; noncompliance by certain landlords; tenant remedies.** Allows a tenant to bring a civil cause of action for compensatory damages against a housing authority when there is a material noncompliance by such housing authority with the rental agreement or a noncompliance with any provision of the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act that materially affects the health and safety of the tenant.

### **HB 285 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**We worked on version that came out of the conference committee and supported that amendment, Oppose (original)** – Per the conference amendment, this transfers enforcement authority for bus shelters that do not exceed 256 sf to the local building official with a July 1, 2025 sunset.

*Chief patron: McQuinn*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; bus shelters.** Exempts plans and specifications for bus shelters that do not exceed 256 square feet that are to be constructed for transit agencies receiving state money and that will be constructed on state-owned property from the Department of General Services' review process required by the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill authorizes the local building official of the locality in which the state-owned property is located to conduct the review process within 60 days of the applicant's initial submission of the plans and specifications for such bus shelter.

### **HB 301 Status- Failed to report**

**Support-** Expands scope of 15.2-906 for localities that have ordinances based on that statute.

*Chief patron: Ballard*

**Local enforcement of property maintenance.** Adds the violation of one or more local ordinances related to the proper maintenance of property to existing provisions that allow a locality to require a property owner to remove, repair, or secure a building, wall, or other structure that might endanger the public health or safety of other residents



of such locality as a reason for requiring such maintenance. The bill also allows the locality through its own agents or employees to take such actions after proper notice.

**HB 354 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**Support** - We worked with ICC, DHCD and Del. Hope to craft the language to be consistent with USBC and not create a conflict with USBC.

*Chief patron: Hope*

**Public pools; regulations.** Directs the Board of Health to adopt regulations governing swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated for public use, including swimming pools and other water recreational facilities operated in conjunction with a tourist facility or health spa.

**HB 364 Status- Left in committee**

**SB 524 Status- Failed to report**

**Oppose** – Circumvents the building code allowing local ordinance to require installation of a sprinkler system in townhomes with no reference to the USBC.

*Chief patron: Martinez HB 364, Graves SB 524*

**Local government; water-filled fire sprinkler systems.** Permits a locality to allow the installation of automatic water-filled or wet-pipe fire sprinkler systems in new townhome construction. The bill provides that such ordinance shall require the installation be completed in compliance with standards, requirements, and specifications for the installation of an automatic water-filled or wet-pipe fire sprinkler system as prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*. An automatic water-filled or wet-pipe fire sprinkler system shall not be required when additions or alterations are made to existing townhomes that do not have an automatic residential fire sprinkler system installed.

**HB 368 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**SB 195 Status- Passed Senate and House**

**Oppose** – This just sets up a study group that was already established by the BOH last cycle. VBCOA will need to be involved in the study group.

*Chief patron: McClure (HB 368), VanValkenburg (SB 195)*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; stakeholder advisory group; report.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development (the Board) to convene a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate and recommend revisions to the Uniform Statewide Building Code to permit Group R-2 occupancies to be served by a single exit, provided that the building has not more than six stories above grade plane. The bill requires the stakeholder advisory group to submit its findings and recommendations to the Board and to the Chairmen of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than December 1, 2024.

**[HB 471](#) Status- Stricken from Docket**

**Oppose** – Legislating the building code. Do not object to the contract negotiation language.

*Chief patron: Martinez*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; multifamily residential housing construction projects; electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations for electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards for multifamily residential housing construction projects consisting of more than 25 residential dwelling units. The standards shall require a developer of such multifamily residential housing construction projects to ensure that at least 25 percent of the available parking spaces are electric vehicle charging ready during the design and construction process. Landlords, condominium unit owners' associations, and property owners' associations shall be authorized to negotiate with electric vehicle charging providers with respect to the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and any related revenue sharing. The bill also requires the Board to promulgate such regulations by January 1, 2025, and provides that such regulations shall only apply to any new multifamily residential housing construction projects approved by a locality after January 1, 2025.

**[HB 474](#) Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position** – Not directly code related but of interest.

*Chief patron: Coyner*

**Restroom Access Act.** Requires a retail establishment that does not have a public restroom but has an employee toilet facility to allow any customer with an eligible medical condition, defined in the bill as Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, or any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility, to use such employee toilet facility during normal business hours if certain conditions are met. A customer who suffers loss as a result of a violation may bring an action to recover damages not to exceed \$100.

**[HB 476](#) Status- Stricken**

**[HB 1486](#) Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position** –

*Chief patron: Coyner (476), Thomas (1486)*

**Vacant buildings; registration.** Permits any county, city, or town to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and (i) that meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law, (ii) that meets the definition of "criminal blight" in relevant law, or (iii) in which a locality has determined a person is living without the authority of the owner to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

**[HB 484](#) Status- Left in committee**

**No Position** –

*Chief patron: Garrett*

**Statewide Fire Prevention Code; State Fire Marshal; consumer fireworks; penalties.** Authorizes the use of consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth and distinguishes by definition consumer fireworks from display fireworks and permissible fireworks.

**HB 578 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**SB 538 Status- Passed Senate and House**

**Support** – Henrico bill. Increases fines for code violations.

*Chief patron: McQuinn HB 578, Bagby SB 538*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; violations; fines.** Increases from \$2,500 to \$5,000 the minimum amount and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount that any person, firm, or corporation shall be fined when convicted of a third or subsequent offense of violating the provisions of the Building Code committed within 10 years of another such offense after having been at least twice previously convicted of such an offense. The bill also adds penalties for similar violations committed by owners of a blighted multifamily property.

**HB 597 Status- Passed House and Senate, governor’s recommendation submitted**

**No Position** – Empowers the “locality” to take legal action against landlords.

*Chief patron: Price*

**Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; enforcement by localities.** Provides that if a condition exists in a rental dwelling unit that constitutes a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or with any provision of law that, if not promptly corrected, constitutes a fire hazard or serious threat to the life, health, or safety of tenants or occupants of the premises, a locality may institute an action for injunction and damages to enforce the landlord's duty to maintain the rental dwelling unit in a fit and habitable condition, provided that (i) the property where the violation occurred is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the locality and (ii) the locality has notified the landlord who owns the property, either directly or through the managing agent, of the nature of the violation and the landlord has failed to remedy the violation to the satisfaction of the locality within a reasonable time after receiving such notice.

**HB 646 Status- Continued**

**No Position** – Specific to zoning for recovery residences.

*Chief patron: Coyner*

**Zoning; certified recovery residence.** Requires that a locality's zoning ordinances for all purposes shall consider a certified recovery residence in which individuals with substance use disorder reside as residential occupancy by a single family. The bill specifies that no conditions more restrictive than those imposed on residences occupied by persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption shall be imposed on such certified recovery residence.

**HB 703 Status- Stricken**

**Oppose as written** – This is not intended to change the building code but conform other standards that VDOT or DGS uses to require 12” concrete pads. We will work with Webert to fix the language.

*Chief patron: Webert*

**Department of General Services and Department of Transportation; regulations and requirements; transit and school bus shelters; concrete pad construction.** Directs the Department of General Services and the

Department of Transportation to amend and conform the regulations and requirements for localities and transit agencies constructing concrete pad foundations for school bus shelters, public transit shelters, and rideshare stations.

**HB 710 Status- Left in committee**

**SB 549 Status- Left in committee**

**Oppose – (not code specific and probably opposed by others)** Adds additional level of approval for code officials to travel. Came from issue of Loudon BOS travel, not specific to staff.

*Chief patron: Webert HB 710, Perry SB549*

**Travel expenses; local officials.** Provides that any travel expense of a local official, as defined in the bill, to be paid from public funds that is anticipated to exceed \$2,500 shall be subject to approval in advance by a vote of the local governing body in an open meeting. If the final travel expense exceeds the previously approved amount, such expense shall be reported to the governing body and noted in the meeting agenda or meeting minutes within 60 days of the determination.

**HB 900 Status- Continued**

**SB 304 Status- Continued**

**No Position on Senate amendment that includes language about permit fees. Oppose Original- Oppose vague reference to ADU permit.**

*Chief patron: Srinivasan (HB), Salim (SB)*

**Zoning; development and use of accessory dwelling units.** Requires a locality to include in its zoning ordinances for single-family residential zoning districts accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, as defined in the bill, as a permitted accessory use.

**HB 950 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**SB 409 Status- Failed to report**

**Support amendment, Opposed original –** This bill was amended to prohibit an interim 2021 code cycle and requires the BOH and governor to adhere to the triennial code cycle schedule. As amended the bill has nothing to do with allowing a local ordinance for energy efficiency stretch codes.

*Chief patron: Lopez HB 950, Boysco SB 409*

**Energy efficiency standards; more stringent energy efficiency requirements.** Allows a locality by ordinance to create and require stretch codes, as defined in the bill, as energy efficiency standards that are in addition to or more stringent than those in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and use them as an alternative means of compliance with a locality's building requirements. The bill requires periodic review of the codes and allows the locality to make amendments.

**HB 1092 Status- Continued, we agreed to assist patron with the code change process**

**Oppose –** Legislating code, this is not needed since VCC 105.1 allows removal of the code official with cause.

*Chief patron: Oats*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; local building officials.** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to amend the Uniform Statewide Building Code and corresponding regulations to remove any authority for local building departments to appoint local building officials for permanent terms. The bill requires the Board to require local building departments to appoint such officials for a term not to exceed 10 years and to only reappoint such officials after holding a performance evaluation.

#### **HB 1253 Status- Continued**

**Oppose** – This sets up an ordinance-based accessibility requirement that may conflict with the building code for multi-family since it references ADA instead of the VCC. Possibly amend to limit to R-5.

*Chief patron: McClure*

**Affordable dwelling unit ordinances; accessible units.** Provides that any locality that has adopted an affordable dwelling unit ordinance may require under such ordinance that a set percentage of the units built by a developer are compliant with the appropriate requirements of the American National Standards for Building and Facilities for Type A units or with any other standards adopted as part of regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development providing accessibility and usability for persons with a physical disability.

#### **HB 1270 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position** – We opposed the original due to it legislating the code. The patron worked with us to amend the bill into a consumer protection law bill with no building code impact.

*Chief patron: McQuinn*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; mold inspections.** Prohibits any local building department from issuing a building permit until the local building department receives certification from the owner or his agent that the building has been inspected for the presence of black mold and that no black mold was found or that appropriate remediation will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

#### **HB 1363 Status- Continued**

**No Position**

*Chief patron: O'Quinn*

**Department of Energy; work group on critical infrastructure sectors; report.** Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to convene a work group to evaluate the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors' usage of fuel for energy and feedstock and impact on jobs, capital investments, and state and local revenue. The bill requires the work group to also assess (i) the impact of the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or retail natural gas supply choice as provided in relevant law and individually metered propane service or non-utility gas service in accordance with relevant law and (ii) the impact of any public entity enacting an ordinance, building code, contractual provision, fee, permit, or other requirement that limits, prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting, or prevents critical infrastructure sectors within their boundaries from acquiring fuel.

#### **HB 1395 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-** Probably will need a companion change to the USBC.

*Chief patron: Hope*

**Historic preservation.** Provides that the filing of a historic designation application shall stay a locality from issuing any permit to raze or demolish a proposed historic landmark, building, or structure until 30 days after the rendering of the final decision of the governing body of the locality.

**HB 1412 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)**

**No Position-** Editorial, clarifies electronic contact info.

*Chief patron: Cherry*

**Virginia Freedom of Information Act; exemption for complainant personal contact information.** Amends an existing exemption from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for names, addresses, and phone numbers of complainants furnished in confidence with respect to an investigation of individual zoning enforcement complaints or complaints relating to the Uniform Statewide Building Code or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code made to a local governing body to exempt personal contact information of such complainants as defined in the bill.

**HB 1415 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: McQuinn*

**Civil penalty for demolition of historic structures.** Authorizes any locality to adopt an ordinance establishing a civil penalty for the razing, demolition, or moving of a building or structure that is located in a historic district or that has been designated by a governing body as an historic structure or landmark in violation of an ordinance that no such building or structure shall be razed, demolished, or moved without the approval of a review board. The bill provides that such civil penalty shall not exceed the market value of the property as determined by the assessed value of the property at the time of razing, demolition, or moving of the building or structure.

**HB 1425 Status- Approved by Governor (Effective 7-1-24)**

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Austin*

**Uniform Statewide Building Code; Virginia Passenger Rail Authority exemption.** Exempts railway tunnels and bridges owned by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority from the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code Act. The bill requires the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to report annually to the State Fire Marshal on the maintenance and operability of installed fire protection and detection systems in its railway tunnels and bridges.

**HB 1475 Status- Passed House and Senate**

**No position on amendment, Opposed original-** Legislating code, No position as amended to a title 1 bill to ask BHCD to consider

*Chief patron: Keys-Gamarra*

**Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; building owners and operators to supply cooling by April 1.** Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to amend the Uniform Statewide Building Code to require that owners and operators of certain apartment buildings begin to supply cooling to maintain certain temperatures by April 1 of each year. Under the current regulations, such required cooling period begins May 15.

[HJ 24](#) Status- Continued

[SJ 18](#) Status- Continued

**No Position-**

*Chief patron: Helmer (HJ 24), Hashmi (SJ 18)*

**Study; joint subcommittee; Dillon Rule; report.** Creates a 13-member joint subcommittee for a one-year study of the Dillon Rule and its impact on Virginia's localities.

[SB 17](#) Status- Passed Senate and House

**No Position-** Original version effects application of VEBC to motor sports facilities that host NASCAR races. Amended to no longer establish facilities as historic. As passed of no consequence.

*Chief patron: Stanley*

**Motor sports facilities; historic landmark designation; enterprise zone.** Designates all motor sports facilities, as defined in relevant law, in the Commonwealth as Virginia Historic Landmarks and as enterprise zones.

[SB 48](#) Status- Passed Senate and House

[HB 476](#) Status- Left in committee

**No Position-** Housing Commission bill, allows all localities to have a vacant building registration ordinance.

*Chief patron: Locke (SB 48), Coyner (HB 476)*

**Vacant buildings; registration.** Permits any county, city, or town to require, by ordinance, the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and (i) that meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law, (ii) that meets the definition of "criminal blight" in relevant law, or (iii) in which a locality has determined a person is living without the authority of the owner to register such building annually. Under current law, any city and certain towns are permitted to require the owner of any building that has been vacant for at least 12 months and meets the definition of "derelict building" in relevant law to register such building annually. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Housing Commission.

[SB 79](#) Status- Tabled in appropriations

**No Position-** Set minimum insulation values consistent with code. Does not appear to create any conflicts.

*Chief patron: Favola*

**Solar-ready roofs for certain government buildings; net-zero energy consumption building design for schools.** Requires any executive branch agency or institution and any locality entering the design phase for the

construction of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size, or the renovation of a building where the cost of the renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building, to ensure that such building includes a solar-ready, cool, or energy-efficient roof, defined in the bill.

### **SB 123 Status- Continued**

#### **Support-**

*Chief patron: VanValkenburg*

**Improvements, repairs, or maintenance of property; entering adjoining property; petition for entry.** Allows an owner or lessee of real property who seeks to improve, repair, or maintain his property to petition the circuit court for a license to enter adjoining property for the purpose of performing the improvements, repairs, or maintenance when the property is so situated that it is impossible to perform the improvements, repairs, or maintenance without entering such adjoining property and permission to enter such adjoining property has been denied.

### **SB 641 Status- Left in committee**

#### **No Position-**

*Chief patron: Craig*

**Certification of boiler and pressure vessel operators by localities.** Repeals an existing statute that allows localities by ordinance to require certification of boiler and pressure vessel operators.

### **SB 701 Status- Passed Senate and House**

**No Position-** Affects zoning, not USBC.

*Chief patron: French*

**Vested rights; building permits.** Provides that if a locality has issued a building permit, despite nonconformance with the zoning ordinance, and a property owner, relying in good faith on the issuance of the building permit, incurs extensive obligations or substantial expenses in diligent pursuit of a building project that is in conformance with the building permit, the locality shall not treat such building as an illegal use but rather as a legal nonconforming use. Current law requires that such project be completed and a certificate of occupancy issued in order to receive such protection.





ICC Report

1 April 2024

## VPMIA

**Submitted by: Ron Clements, ICC Board Director**

**2024 IECC appeals process-** Council Board of Directors voted to affirm in part and reject in part nine appeals filed by five appellants to a draft of the 2024 commercial and residential editions of the International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC®). The Board also addressed several claims that aspects of the draft 2024 IECC codes were preempted by the federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act. All of the information and documents regarding the appeal are available at this link [2024 IECC Appeal Web site](#). Below are summaries of the Board actions:

### Appeals

The International Code Council Board of Directors determined that the [scope and intent governing the 2024 IECC](#) prohibited the inclusion within the body of the code measures that do not directly affect building energy conservation. The scope and intent does allow for inclusion of provisions beyond building energy conservation related to net zero and carbon reduction in the appendices; therefore, the board moved the affected provisions to the appendix including:

- Sections C406.1.1.1 and C502.3.7.1 (heat pump products)
- Sections C403.4.6, C404.10, C405.2.8, R403.5.4 and N1103.5.4 (demand response)
- Sections C405.14, R404.7, and N1104.7 (electric vehicle charging infrastructure)
- Section C405.16 (electrical energy storage system readiness)
- Sections R404.6 and N1104.6 (solar readiness)
- Sections R404.5 and N1104.5 (electric readiness)

### Preemption

Preemption involves code provisions that are or are likely to be in conflict with federal law or federal legal precedent. In these cases, the Board does not want adopting authorities to adopt the provisions, even when in appendices, without understanding the legal ramifications. The board determined the following provisions were potentially preempted and provided the included remedies:

- Appendix CG (all-electric commercial) and Appendix RE (all-electric residential): moved to resource documents of the code due to significant risk of preemption based on case law
- Appendix CD Section CD101.1 and Table CD101.1 (prescriptive glide path to net zero): moved to resource document of the code due to significant risk of preemption based on an inability to comply with minimum efficiency equipment
- Appendix RG (glide path to net zero): retained as an appendix with a cautionary note regarding the limited compliance options for minimum efficiency equipment in specific climate zones

### Finalization of the 2024 IECC

The Board's determinations mark the conclusion of the 2024 IECC's development and the code's finalization. The 2024 IECC builds on the 2021 edition and is anticipated to improve energy efficiency by roughly 6.5% for residential buildings and by 10% for commercial buildings.

**2024 is the ICC 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary-** Thanks to VPMIA for posting on the Kudoboard.

**May building safety month, Mission Possible-** VA members are already planning numerous activities. Cindy Davis with DHCD is working on state level event in the metro-Richmond area. This link will take you to the resources page [Building Safety Month Web page link](#).

**Financials are all strong-** Publications, ES, NTA, IAS are all bringing in solid revenue.

**Grants-** ICC Government Relations Manager Lisa Berger can provide information and assistance to local building inspection departments regarding a number of federal grants that are available. She can be contacted at [lberger@iccsafe.org](mailto:lberger@iccsafe.org). These grants can be used for a wide range of things to support your operations. Lisa can fill you in on all the details. This link will take you to the resources page [ICC Federal Grants Page](#).

**ICC Conferences and Code development for the Group A cycle**

**Orlando, FL- Leadership week April 5-7, committee action code hearings 7-16, IFC, ISPSC, IPC, IFGC, IRC-MP, IMC, IBC-FS, IBC-E**

**DoubleTree at the entrance to Universal Orlando**

*5780 Major Blvd  
Orlando, FL*

**Long Beach, CA- ICC Annual Conference and second round of committee action code hearings**

**Long Beach Annual Conference: October 20–23, 2024**

**Expo: October 20–21, 2024**

**Group A Committee Action Hearings #2: October 23–31, 2024**

**Long Beach Convention Center**

*300 E Ocean Blvd  
Long Beach, CA*

**ICC Training revamp-** ICC is updating and improving the ICC training programs. A Train the trainer program has been developed and trainers are going through the new program.

**Committee calls-** Whenever you are on the [iccsafe.org](http://iccsafe.org) Web site, put “call for committees” in the search field and you can see what committee service opportunities are available. Please consider applying to serve as these are great ways to get involved. ICC committee service counts as continuing education for both ICC and Virginia. If travel is required ICC pays for your travel. It is a great way to learn, network and level up in your career. Currently available opportunities are [Link to Committee Web Page](#):

## Code Related Committees & Councils

The following committees related to developing ICC Codes have open calls.

- Code Hearing Moderators

## Standards Related Committees

The following committees related to standards development have open calls.

- Low-Carbon Alternative Cements Consensus Committee (IS-LCCC)
- Off-Site Construction Tiny Houses Standard Consensus Committee (IS-OSMTH) Interested Parties

**Editorial revisions to all CPs-** The ICC Board Council Policy Review Committee is reviewing all of the Council Policies to make sure they are all up to date and editorially correct.

**CEO search underway-** ICC CEO Dominic Simms is retiring at the end of 2024. The executive search is underway for the new CEO to take over when Dom retires.

**Get Involved, ICC Board of Directors and video-** The ICC Board is looking for the next generation of Board directors and has set up an informational Web page and video [Link to Page](#). Note that Kris Bridges is terming off the board and that will make a slot available for another Virginian.

**Pro-Codes act is in committee-** The Pro-Codes act is in committee so hopefully the bill will be well received. It is the bill that allows ICC to retain copy right protection for our codes while still providing free access to everyone. GR staff have been working it hard so thank you all for the letters of support.

**Voter validation verses membership renewal-** There was some confusion regarding the March 8, 2024 deadline that was originally communicated as the deadline for voter validation. It was not the voter validation deadline; it was the deadline for governmental memberships to be applied for or renewed. In Virginia we do not need to worry about governmental memberships because DHCD provides for all jurisdictions to receive governmental membership. What your jurisdiction does need to do is provide the names of your jurisdiction's designated voters for validation 30 days minimum prior to the annual conferences and the Public Comment Hearings in 2026. Below is a table that provides all of the validation dates.

**See you all at the VPMIA banquet!**

<b>Governmental Member Application and GMVR Validation Deadlines for 2024-2026 Cycle*</b>	
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Date</b>
Receipt of application for Governmental Membership in order for Governmental Member to be eligible to vote at Group A and B PCH or OGCV in 2026	March 8, 2024 (30 days before CAH)
Receipt of application for Governmental Membership and for validation of GMVR (new or updated) in order for GMVR to be eligible to vote at 2024 ABM	September 21, 2024 (30 days before ABM)
Receipt of application for Governmental Membership and for validation of GMVR (new or updated) in order for GMVR to be eligible to vote at 2025 ABM	September 20, 2025 (30 days before ABM)
Receipt of application for validation of GMVR (new or updated) of eligible Governmental Members** in order for GMVR to be eligible to vote at Group A and B PCH or OGCV	March 20, 2026 (30 days before PCH)
Receipt of application for Governmental Membership and for validation of GMVR (new or updated) in order for GMVR to be eligible to vote at 2026 ABM	September 19, 2026 (30 days before ABM)

\* Per [CP #28-05](#), GMVR are only required to be validated once each 3-year code development cycle

\*\* Eligible as of March 8, 2024, deadline

**Terms and Acronyms**

**Governmental Member** - a governmental unit, department or agency engaged in the administration, formulation, implementation or enforcement of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare.

**GMVR** – Governmental Member Voting Representative - employee or official of the Governmental Member or departments of the Governmental Member, provided that each of the designated voting representatives shall be an employee or a public official actively engaged either full or part time, in the administration, formulation, implementation or enforcement of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare.

**CAH** – Committee Action Hearing

**PCH** – Public Comment Hearing

**OGCV** – Online Governmental Consensus Vote

**ABM** – Annual Business Meeting

# BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS REPORT: VPMIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 1, 2024

VPMIA Board of Directors:

At the most recent meeting of the Board for Contractors the following items were presented to the Board.

- Jennifer Sayegh, Policy, and Legislative Affairs Manager gave an update on legislation currently being considered by the General Assembly.
- Hope Larson, Director of Finance, and Brandon Walton, Budget Officer, reported on the Board for Contractors Financial Statements for November 2023, and December 2023, and a listing of claims paid during those months.
- Greg Emerson, Director of Examinations, provided the Board a statistics report for passed exams.
- Later in the year the Board will be reviewing exam questions to help ensure they are easily understood. There was some discussion that some of the questions in terms of how they are formatted, may be a concern for some tests with a higher failure rate.
- Six Education provider applications were approved by the Board.
- Ms. King asked the Board to consider whether non-routine applications submitted by incarcerated individuals could be referred for an Informal Fact-Finding conference without requiring the applicant to request in writing said conference. This was approved by the Boars and will more streamline the process for the applicants.
- The Board will attend a two-day training October 10-11, 2024, in Williamsburg.

The next meeting of the Board for Contractors will be May 7, 2024 @ 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jerry

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# **61<sup>st</sup> Annual VPMIA SPRING SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION** **3 DAY AGENDA**

**Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

7:30am - 8:00am - Registration/Sign in

8:00am - 9:30am - [Proper Installation and Inspection of Gas Regulators](#)

9:30am - 10:00am - Break

10:00am - 11:30pm - [Proper Installation and Inspection of Gas Regulators](#)

11:30pm - 12:00pm - Report from Nominating Committee  
Nomination of 2024/2025 officers

12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30pm - [Fire Protection of Mechanical Penetrations Properly](#)

2:30pm - 3:00pm - Break

3:00pm - 4:30pm - [Fire Protection of Mechanical Penetrations Properly](#)

4:30pm - 5:30pm - General Membership Meeting

5:30pm - 6:00pm - President's Welcome

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Dinner

**61<sup>st</sup> Annual VPMIA SPRING SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**  
**3 DAY AGENDA**

**Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

8:00am - 9:30am - ICC Accessibility Class

9:30am -10:00am Break

10:00am - 11:30am - ICC Accessibility Class

11:30am - 12:00pm - Visit Sponsor Tables

12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30pm - ICC Accessibility Class

2:30pm - 3:00pm - Break

3:00pm - 4:30pm - ICC Accessibility Class

5:00pm - 6:00pm - Reception

6:00pm - 8:00pm - Banquet, Awards, Officer Installation

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

7:00am - 8:30am - Breakfast Buffet

8:30am - 10:00am - The Evolving GREEN in the Plumbing Code

10:00am - 10:30am - Break

10:30am - 12:00pm - The Evolving GREEN in the Plumbing Code