

VPMIA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Virtual 01.10.2025

10:00am-12:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Determination of a quorum

Report of Officers:

Secretary: (Joshua Rolfe)

Treasurer: (Chris Hickey)

Executive Secretary: (Christopher Martin)

Ex-Officio Committee Officers:

ICC: Avi Smith-Rose

ICC Region VII: Ron Clements/Joshua Rolfe

DHCD, DPOR: Jerry Heinline

Standing Committees:

Advertising/Yearbook: James Anjam

Auditing: Pete Kaptain

Awards: Fred Crowell

Bylaws: Skip Harper

Certification/Education: Anthony McMahan

Finance: Chris Hickey

Information Technology: Travers Body

Nominating: Dennis Hart

Legislative: Ron Clements

Membership: Chris Martin

Plumbing/Mechanical/Fuel Gas: Dennis Hart

Time and Place/ School of Instruction: Vacant

Ad Hoc Committees:

BCAAC: Vacant

Building Safety Month: Tom Clark

VCEC: Anthony McMahan/ Tom Clark

VBCOA Liaison: David Beahm

Old Business:

#1 Purchasing Shirts for Spring SOI 2025

New Business:

#1 Submission for Stipend request 2025-26

#2 Budgeting for year 2025-26

#3 Website Completion

#4 Purchasing Hats instead of Shirts Spring SOI 2025

#5 Committee Vacancies

#6 Bob Adkins Award



Treasurers Report: 01/10/2025

Checking Account Balance: \$ 58,612.23

PayPal Balance: \$

Credit Card Balance: \$ 23.16

Proposals:

I, (Chris Hickey) propose that we offer (5) \$ 2,000.00 Scholarships for the Upcoming 2025 ICC Conference in Cleveland, Ohio this year and possibly Scholarships for our 2025 VPMIA Spring School of Instruction.

We have received our State Stipend expenditure and these scholarships are part of that spending process.

Current Business:

I am currently working putting together our Budget for this Treasurer Cycle and will submit this to the board once it has been completed.

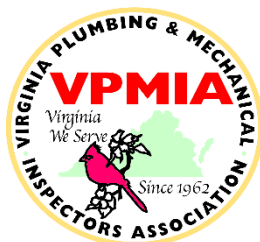
The new website is complete, I am waiting on the Invoice from ICC to pay the \$ 600.00 yearly fee for this service.

If we are going to order Shirts as a gift for the upcoming Spring SOI, then a form should be added to the registration link so we can get sizes from all that are attending. This needs to be done ASAP or we could choose another gift. (Beanie, ball cap, etc.)

Respectfully Submitted on 01/10/2024

Chris Hickey

Treasurer VPMIA



From: Executives Secretary's Report

Date: 1/2/25

Reference: 1/10/25 BOD Meeting

To: Joshua Rolfe, VPMIA Secretary

The Following is a report of Membership and 2025 Dues.

Active Membership List-----322

Lifetime Members-----27

Honorary Members-----6

Retired Members-----5

Retired Members Paid Dues-----1

Members Not Paid 2025 Dues-----308

Active Members Paid 2025 Dues-----14

Associate Membership List-----34

Lifetime Members-----12

Members Not Paid 2025 Dues-----32

Associate Members Paid 2025 Dues-----2

New Active Members:

1. William Welborn – Plumbing Inspector with Prince William County

New Associate Members:

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

Thank You,

Christopher M. Martin

VPMIA Executive Secretary

BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS REPORT: VBCOA/VPMIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VBCOA/VPMIA Board of Directors: JANUARY 2025

The Board for Contractors meeting was held December 10, 2024. Please let me know if I can provide any further information or answer any questions.

- **Education Provider Applications:** The Board approved nine (9) applications for educational providers.
- **Regulatory Fee Amendment:** At the October 22nd meeting, a fee increase was proposed. DPOR is funded through licensing fees. The Code of Virginia requires DPOR Boards to establish fees that are sufficient to cover their operating expenses. During the 2010's, the Board for Contractors, along with several other DPOR boards, brought in more revenue than was necessary and ended up with several million dollars surplus. The 2019 General Assembly directed DPOR to spend down its surplus cash reserve through filling vacancies and upgrading its antiquated licensing and enforcement systems. Over the past few years, DPOR has filled vacancies and started development of a new licensing system, which has spent down that cash reserve.
- Currently, the Board is operating at a loss of about \$1 million annually and is expected to exhaust its cash reserve in the next fiscal year. To ensure DPOR and the Board have sufficient funds to continue operating, a fee increase is necessary. The Board's last fee increase was in April of 2010. There has been 44% inflation since April of 2010 and Board costs have increased during that time as well. Staff are recommending a fee increase of approximately 33%. Staff believes this will ensure adequate, but not excessive, revenue for the next decade.
- The Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed fee increases.
- **Examination Reciprocity:** Board staff has been collaborating with the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors to establish a reciprocal agreement for various examinations. Staff determined that there is equivalency between the referenced examinations. Establishing an examination reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and Virginia will ease licensure portability between the two states. Should the Board also find equivalency between the examinations, staff recommends establishing an exam reciprocity agreement with North Carolina.
- The Board authorized staff to draft a reciprocity agreement establishing waiver of the requirement that an applicant pass the Virginia Commercial Building examination when the applicant has passed the North Carolina Building Contractor examination and waiver of the requirement that an applicant pass the Virginia Residential Building examination when the applicant has passed the North Carolina Residential Contractor examination.

The next meeting of the Board for Contractors will be March 11, 2025, @ 10:00 AM. The Board committee will meet at 8:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted, January 8, 2025



Jerry Heinline

PMG Code Committee Report

Hart, Dennis

VPMIA PMG Code Committee Chair

Mr. President

VPMIA President Frederick Crowell

1/10/2025

Dear Mr. President,

The following is my report for the Plumbing, Mechanical, and Gas (PMG) Code Committee.

The 2024–2026 ICC Code Development Cycle for changes to the 2027 I-Codes is ongoing. Committee Action Hearing #2 (CAH #2) for Group A was held in Long Beach, California, from October 21 to October 30, 2024. Group A includes most plumbing, mechanical, and fuel gas proposals. The Group A CAH #2 Report is now available on CDPAccess. ICC will tentatively begin accepting Public Comments for Group A on January 20, 2025, with the submission window closing on March 14, 2025.

During this cycle, five proposals were submitted on behalf of the PMG Code Committee, addressing topics of plumbing, mechanical, and fuel gas. The committee has also convened virtually to discuss and develop positions on all PMG-related proposals. Multiple members actively participated in the hearings and testified to support these positions.

Proposals for Group B are currently being accepted, with a submission deadline of January 10, 2025. Group B CAH #1 will take place in Orlando, Florida, from April 26 to May 6, 2025. After the Group B hearings, a joint Public Comment Hearing, covering both Group A and Group B proposals, will be held in Spring 2026.

The PMG Committee will reconvene as the code development process for the 2024 Virginia Codes approaches. All members are encouraged to engage in the code development process. If you are interested in becoming more involved or have ideas or feedback, please feel free to reach out to me directly at dennis.hart@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Hart, Dennis

VPMIA PMG Code Committee Chair



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ICC's online Member Community platform expected to add new features during 2025

The Code Council recently launched its [exclusive online Member Community](#), a dynamic new platform designed to enhance the benefits of membership while fostering collaboration among building safety professionals. This free resource provides [a central hub for Code Council members](#) to network, share ideas and advance their careers in the rapidly evolving building safety industry. From accessing the latest updates on Code Council news and events to joining professional groups and exchanging insights in forums, the Member Community offers tools and resources tailored to help members maximize their experience as a Code Council member. In 2025, the Code Council will introduce several enhancements to the Member Community. The platform is already thriving, with over 3,500 users engaging in meaningful discussions, mentorships and collaborations. As the Member Community continues to grow, it promises to be an essential tool for building safety professionals, fostering innovation and leadership across the field.

[Read more here](#) →

YOUR MESSAGE TRULY MATTERS

Tell FEMA to continue to support modern codes that promote resiliency! Please take a minute to [complete this statement to FEMA](#). It's easy and you can help make a difference. Thank you!

Deadline is January 29 to file your message with FEMA.

Code Council celebrates Dominic Sims' dynamic legacy of inspired leadership and innovation

Throughout his career, including 14 years as CEO, Dominic Sims has transformed the International Code Council into a dynamic family of solutions that extends far beyond its origins as a code-development organization. Under his leadership, the Code Council's financial stability grew remarkably, with net assets increasing more than fifteenfold, membership expanding by 10 percent, and Code Council chapters growing by 16 percent. Dominic's vision has been instrumental in creating safer and more sustainable communities worldwide and he leaves the Code Council well-positioned to advance its mission for years to come. He served as CEO until the end of 2024 and is [succeeded by John Belcik](#). Here are Dominic's parting words to the building safety community.

[Read more here](#) →



Patti Daul, Division Chief/Fire Marshal, Pechanga Fire Department (Pechanga Band of Indians), makes remarks at the group discussion of the NACO/ICC Summit on Model Building Codes in Denver.

Historic summit in Denver brought together participants from 19 tribes

The Native American Code Officials (NACO) and the International Code Council recently held an historic Summit on *Model Building Codes – Tribal Sovereignty, Health, Safety and Economic Empowerment*, in Denver, Colorado, at the History Colorado Center. There were representatives from 19 different tribes spanning coast to coast, present for this first-of-its-kind event. The Summit focused on advancing tribal sovereignty, health, safety and economic empowerment by providing tools, such as adaptable building codes, that tribal nations can customize to align with their unique needs and traditions. It aimed to foster peer-to-peer knowledge exchange, strengthen relationships and identify shared opportunities and strategies to help tribal nations achieve their goals through the effective implementation of building codes. “Building codes are not just about compliance—they are about ensuring safety, sustainability and cultural integrity for our communities. It’s a delicate balance between respecting traditions and embracing modern solutions. I was pleased to see so many tribal people come together, sharing wisdom and learning from one another. It was an excellent example of the strength and unity within our communities,” said Ellen White Thunder, Deputy Director, Lakota Funds.

[Read more here →](#)

Rhode Island is fourth state in 2024 to adopt ICC/MBI standards for offsite

Rhode Island’s Building Code Standards committee approved the adoption of the International Code Council’s and Modular Building Institute’s (MBI) Standards 1200, 1205 and 1210, making it the fourth state to do so in 2024. Rhode Island is the first state to adopt ICC/MBI 1210 Standard for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Systems, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation in Off-site Construction. The state joins Virginia, Utah and Montana in adopting ICC/MBI Standards 1200 and 1205 for off-site construction. The Code Council and MBI partnered with experts in building safety, design, construction, and manufacturing to develop the [ICC/MBI 1200-2021 Standard for Off-site Construction: Planning, Design, Fabrication and Assembly](#), [ICC/MBI 1205-2021 Standard for Off-site Construction: Inspection and Regulatory Compliance](#) and [ICC/MBI 1210-2023 Standard for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Systems, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation in Off-site Construction](#) to provide best practices based on existing off-site construction programs and support consistency and efficiency in how off-site construction is approved and inspected.

[Read more here →](#)

DOE: 2024 IECC increases energy efficiency 7.8 percent over 2021 IECC

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a *determination* that the updated model energy code for residential buildings, the [2024 International Energy Conservation Code \(IECC\)](#), will increase energy efficiency in residential buildings. DOE technical analysis, performed by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), estimates that buildings meeting the 2024 IECC would result in national *site* energy savings of 7.8 percent and energy *cost* savings of 6.6 percent. Beyond its significant efficiency improvements, the 2024 IECC earned unanimous support from the building industry representatives on the code’s development committee.

[Read more here →](#)

District Court rules that IAPMO infringed upon ICC's copyrighted materials

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia recently issued a ruling finding that the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) infringed the Code Council's and ICC Evaluation Service's (ICC-ES) copyrighted materials, including ICC-ES proprietary evaluation reports and acceptance criteria. ICC-ES filed this lawsuit after discovering that IAPMO systematically copied ICC-ES's evaluation reports, shared them internally on its internal servers, and used substantial portions of them in its own evaluation reports. Code officials rely on evaluation reports to ensure building products adhere to building safety codes and standards. This ruling affirms the Code Council's efforts to protect the integrity of rigorous processes central to evaluation reports and acceptance criteria, which thousands of designers, manufacturers and building safety and fire prevention professionals rely on to promote the highest construction safety standards across the globe. "The Code Council is committed to ensuring that the products used in the construction of homes and other buildings are safe and meet industry standards. We felt the shortcuts taken by IAPMO in extensively copying ICC content raised serious concerns about their internal processes. The Code Council will continue to work with other industry partners to ensure that third-party testing and evaluation services live up to the trust the public has placed in them and adhere to the highest ethical standards," said Dominic Sims, then CEO of the Code Council.

[Read more here](#) →

BE PREPARED: Announcements coming up soon on FEMA BRIC grants

Now's the time to prepare yourself and get ready to apply when the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is available. Check out our most recent webinar, [Preparing for the BRIC Codes Plus-Up 2024 Cycle](#), for more information. The Code Council hosted a [webinar](#) last year to help communities take advantage of these resources with FEMA's BRIC program lead (access the presentation slides [here](#)). We also hosted a deep dive into BRIC Building Codes Plus-Up and how to apply in FEMA GO. [Click here](#) to access the recording, [click here](#) to access the presentation slides. Also, check out FEMA's dedicated webpage to route users to numerous FEMA and other federal funding opportunities for state, local, tribal and territorial governments that aid in activities about building codes.

[Read more here](#) →

Code Council's IECC consensus committees start public meetings series

The International Code Council Board of Directors has appointed the members that will serve on the consensus committees for the development of the 2027 International Energy Conservation Code® (IECC). The Commercial Committee will have 39 members and will be chaired by Duane Jonlin from the City of Seattle, Washington. The Residential Committee will seat 36 members and be chaired by Shane Hoeper from the City of Dubuque, Iowa. Rosters for both committees can be found on the committee webpage at the following [link](#). For this cycle, all meetings of the committees will be held virtually. The first public meeting of the Commercial Consensus Committee was December 18 and the first meeting of the Residential Consensus Committee was December 17.

[Read more here](#) →

Several ICC Chapters honored for outstanding achievements in 2024

Every year, the International Code Council recognizes chapters that reflect and promote the organization's mission and goals. This year, the Code Council honored several outstanding chapters at the Chapter Presidents Meeting on Oct. 21, 2024, during the [Code Council's Annual Conference in Long Beach, California](#). The following [awards](#) were given out:

- Chapter Merit Awards
- Regions Spotlight Award
- Chapter of the Year Award

The Code Council congratulates the following chapters for their accomplishments and contributions.

[Read more here](#) →

FEMA can fund code administration and enforcement during post disaster

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is empowered by statute to provide federal funding to support the increase in code administration and enforcement activities following a presidentially-declared disaster. Covered activities include, for example, substantial damage assessments or determinations, permitting. These efforts can receive federal funding, etc.) for up to 180 days following the disaster declaration. [FEMA Policy FP 204-079-01](#) defines the framework and requirements for consistent and appropriate implementation of this funding. **Resources:**

[DRRA Section 1206 Public Assistance Companion Guide](#)
[Volume 1: DRRA Section 1206 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[Volume 2: DRRA Section 1206 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you have questions about DRRA and would like to get connected to resources to support your use of this program, please contact Stella Carr [here](#).

ICC-SRCC launches product certification for thermal energy storage device

The Solar Rating & Certification Corporation (ICC-SRCC), recently announced the launch of a new product certification program for thermal energy storage devices, entitled OG-500. The program will provide third-party compliance assessment and performance ratings for products designed to store thermal energy for use in a wide range of applications in residential and commercial buildings. The program launch offers certification to the new ICC 903/SRCC 500 Solar Tank Standard in coordination with ICC-SRCC's existing certifications for solar thermal collectors, systems and solar water heaters.

[Read more here](#) →

GOT PULSE? Episode 61: The noble path to Master Code Professional

In the final episode of Season 6 of the [ICC Pulse Podcast](#), we discuss the [Master Code Professional](#) (MCP) credential offered by the International Code Council, explaining its criteria, significance and the professional growth opportunities it provides. The episode features insights from industry professionals, personal stories of achieving MCP status and discussions on the career advancements and networking benefits that come with this designation. [Listen to Episode #61 here](#). Guests on this show are:

- Autumn Saylor, ICE-CCP, Director ICC Credentialing
- Valarie Evans, Building Official
- Lucas Pump, Building Inspector

Links to related and referenced topics in this episode:

- [Learn more](#) about the Master Code Professional Designation.
- [View more](#) of the Code Council's credentialing resources.

The International Code Council's Master Code Professional (MCP) designation is the highest level of Code Council certification and is the "gold standard" for demonstrating proficiency in the code profession. Currently, there are more than 900 MCP professionals worldwide, and their achievements are a benefit to the code enforcement profession, as well as their communities. The Code Council has certified thousands of individuals, but only a select number have attained this high level of achievement. As of December 1, more than 75 achieved the MCP status.

[Read more here](#) →

ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

Windsor Summit and Declaration: Landmark event for plumbing industry

In a recent historic gathering at Windsor Castle in the United Kingdom, the [Bathroom Manufacturers Association](#) (BMA) hosted the Windsor Summit, bringing together top plumbing and bathroom industry leaders from around the world. The summit aimed to address two critical global challenges: water scarcity and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The event culminated in the signing of the Windsor Declaration, a landmark pledge to reduce water waste and combat infection risks through innovative solutions and collaborative efforts. The International Code Council is honored to be a signatory of the Windsor Declaration, joining forces with industry leaders across the manufacturing sector to tackle these pressing challenges. Many of the declaration's focus areas align closely with initiatives where the Code Council has demonstrated leadership for many years.

[Read more here](#) →

PMG Award recognizes dedication to reducing swimming pool accidents

Kenneth Gregory, compliance and safety manager for Pentair Water Quality Systems, with more than 40 years of experience in the design, sales, construction management and maintenance of residential and commercial pools, was honored with the 2024 PMG Leadership Award.

[Read more here](#) →

Plumbing played an essential role in the Code Council's 30-year history

When Jay Peters joined the International Code Council in 2007, he helped create the Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG) program with the goal of educating the world about one thing: it all begins with sanitation. "You go back and look at history – any country that begins developing the standards around water and sanitation develops a thousand times faster [than those that don't]," said Peters, who served the Code Council as its first PMG Executive Director. "People don't realize how important the plumber is." Plumbing has been front and center from the Code Council's inception in 1994 and is an essential part of its [30th Anniversary](#) celebration. The [International Plumbing Code®](#) (IPC) became the Code Council's first model code when it was published in 1995.

[Read more here](#) →

DHCD Report – Updated 1/9/2025

CODE DEVELOPMENT - 2021 CODE CYCLE (Updated 1/9/25)

- The effective date of the 2021 Uniform Statewide Building Code, Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Industrialized Building Safety Regulations, and the Amusement Device Regulations was January 18, 2024. As with past editions of the USBC, during the [one-year period](#) immediately following the effective date of the USBC (until January 18, 2025), an applicant for a construction permit can choose to comply with the 2018 edition, or the 2021 edition of the USBC.
- The custom versions of the 2021 I-Codes that incorporate the Virginia amendments have been published by the International Code Council (ICC) and are available for purchasing through [ICC's website](#). Digital versions of the Virginia code books can also be viewed free on [ICC's website](#).
- The 2021 state regulation pamphlets (USBC Part I, USBC Part II, USBC Part III, SFPC, IBSR, VADR, Related laws, VCS, MHSR, and MHLTRF) are also available on DHCD's [Virginia Building and Fire Regulations](#) page.
- An informational document, prepared by the State Building Codes Office (SBCO), to provide clarification and answers to questions we have frequently received related to changes in the 2021 Virginia Residential Code (VRC) is available on our website [here](#).

REGULATORY REDUCTION (Updated 1/9/25)

[Executive Order Number 19](#) established the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) and implementation of a requirement that Virginia agencies achieve a 25% reduction in regulatory requirements by December 31, 2025. DHCD worked with ORM to evaluate the changes approved by the Board of Housing and Community Development during the 2021 Code Development Cycle and those changes were determined to exceed the 25% reduction required by Executive Order Number 19.

CODE DEVELOPMENT - 2024 CODE CYCLE (Updated 11/19/24)

DHCD Code Development staff have begun internal preparations for the 2024 code development cycle, and we anticipate publishing of a NOIRA (Notice of Intended Regulatory Action) in the Spring. Additional information will be provided as it is available. You can sign up in [Town Hall](#) to receive emails when regulatory actions or meetings are posted for the Board of Housing and Community Development. If you would like to be added to our Code Development email list in Constant Contact to receive important updates regarding code development, email sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov and let us know.

SPANISH VERSIONS OF USBC/SFPC (Updated 7/22/24)

- The Spanish version of the below 2021 Virginia codes available on the ICC store and in your DPC subscriptions. The remaining codes are expected in July.
 - 2021 Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code Spanish Edition
 - 2021 Virginia Existing Building Code Spanish Edition
 - 2021 Virginia Property Maintenance Code Spanish Edition

- 2021 Virginia Residential Code Spanish Edition
- Building Officials received a survey invite asking for their interest in receiving a hard set of the VA codes in Spanish. Sets will be shipped out in the coming weeks to those responding that they want a hard set. For all DPC subscription holders the Spanish versions will be available in your digital library.
- The Spanish version of the 2018 and 2021 USBC and SFPC regulations (pamphlet style) and are available on the DHCD website. This includes:
 - The Related Laws Package
 - VA Construction Code
 - VA Existing Building Code
 - VA Maintenance Code
 - VA Statewide Fire Prevention Code
- These publications are available in pdf format here:
<https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/building-and-fire-regulations-archives>
- Note: DPOR has also made their contractor's license exams available in Spanish.

ICC DIGITAL CODES PREMIUM COMPLETE SUBSCRIPTIONS

- *IMPORTANT: DHCD is redistributing the unredeemed coupon codes to jurisdictions seeking additional subscriptions.*
- For non-levy contributing entities (such as universities, airport authorities, etc) DHCD is able to provide the 6-year subscription(s) at DHCD's discounted cost of \$1042. Interested entities should contact Sandi Morris directly.
- The DHCD webpage [dhcd.virginia.gov/icc-digital-codes-premium](https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/icc-digital-codes-premium) provides links to:
 - ICC/DHCD Webinar providing a detailed walkthrough of features.
 - Instructions on redeeming your coupon code and adding the subscription to your ICC account.

Contact Sandi Morris with any questions at sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov .

AGRITOURISM STRUCTURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AgTAC)

During the 2023 General Assembly Session, SB1305 was passed related to Agritourism. The bill established a standing committee of the Board of Housing and Community Development that was established pursuant to SB400 (2022 Session). The new legislation also implemented three minimum safety requirements ((i) portable fire extinguishers, (ii) a simple written plan in case of an emergency, and (iii) a sign posted in a conspicuous place upon entry that states that the building is exempt from the provisions of the building code for farm buildings and structures that are open to the general public for agritourism activities. The bill directed the committee to meet at least four times during 2023 to continue considering issues of concern regarding fire safety and the welfare of the general public at agritourism facilities. The final report along with agreed upon guidance documents can be found here at the links below. To date, no further meetings are scheduled, but that is subject to change depending on direction from the BHCD or additional legislation.

[AgTAC Memo – 2023 Findings and Recommendations](#)

[AgTAC Memo – Offered Best Practices and Resources Related to §36-99.B](#)

BRIC GRANT (Updated 9/16/2024)

In 2021, DHCD was awarded a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) Grant. The grant provides funding for Virginia code enforcement personnel to attend ICC's "When Disaster Strikes Institute", free of charge, with an opportunity to obtain a certificate of learning. DHCD has partnered with ICC to provide this training throughout the state over the last year. Training has been held in Eastern VA, SWVA, Central VA, and was provided at the 2023 VCEC and 2022 VBCOA annual conference. We are working on scheduling one more in-person course offering, so be on the lookout for the announcements and do not miss out on this free opportunity. This training is a first step in a collaborative effort between DHCD and VBCOA to provide a statewide disaster response network of trained/qualified inspectors that are ready to assist with conducting these critical post-disaster inspections throughout Virginia, should a disaster strike. Contact Paul Messplay with any questions paul.messplayiv@dhcd.virginia.gov

VIRGINIA RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CODE RESOURCES (Updated 9/16/24)

DHCD collaborated with Viridian and the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA) to develop several resources to aid in implementation of 2018 energy provisions for residential structures. These resources are intended to assist plan reviewers and inspectors in reviewing plans and inspecting buildings for compliance with the 2018 Virginia Residential Code's energy conservation provisions. These very helpful Virginia Energy Code Resources are now available at: <https://www.viridian.org/2018-virginia-residential-energy-code-resources/>. Note: Updated (2021) versions of the resources are currently being developed by Viridian and will be published as soon as they are available.

AMUSEMENT DEVICE INSPECTION STICKERS (Updated 1/9/25)

2025 Amusement Device Certificates of Inspection (stickers) are available for distribution. You may order your 2025 stickers by contacting Khushnood Nabizada at Khushnood.nabizada@dhcd.virginia.gov. Order early and order the quantity you anticipate needing through 2025 to ensure you have an adequate supply when needed. Please note that inspection stickers will only be provided to the building official of the jurisdiction, as they are responsible for them.

DHCD LEVY AND PERMIT REPORTING PORTAL (Updated 1/8/25)

Payment notices for FY25 Q2 went out January 1 with payment due no later than February 1. Payment notices will go out on the following schedule:

- 1st (or next business day) of the next month - payment due notice
- payment due within 30 days
- 20th - reminder notice
- 5 days after due date - late notice

The portal accepts ACH and credit card payments. Note that there will be no credit card or ACH fees to the jurisdictions. The system streamlines the permit activity reporting process as well to provide consistent data reporting from all localities. Contact Sandi Morris sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov with questions.

VBCA 2025 Schedule (added 11/26/24)

- The VBCA [2025 schedule](#) is now open for registration. Refer to the course description for information specific to each class, and the [Certification Requirements for Code Officials](#) for additional information on the certification requirements.
- All certification classes will be held in-person and run between 16-24 hours, starting at 8:00am and ending at 5:00pm.
- Law and Order: A mock trial has three offerings in 2025 with one in Wytheville.
- For more information or for course registration please visit the [VBCA Online Registration System](#) .

VBCA COURSES (Updated 12/4/24)

- Reminder: Priority registration for the required certification classes goes to the registrants who are appointed officials or technical assistants (per the USBC or SFPC) and are employed by the locality to enforce the USBC or SFPC who must obtain certification in the 12- or 18-month period. This is particularly important with the Core class. In addition, based on registration numbers, localities may be limited to five staff per class.
- VBCA Schedule – new live calendar. Visit the [Online Registration System](#) for schedule information and registration. VBCA has created a LIVE training calendar, which pulls information directly from our registration system, with no login required. To access - click “VBCA Training Calendar” from our online registration system homepage or use one of the links on our VBCA webpages.
- Reminder: Proper attire when attending a VBCA class is business casual. Clothing such as (but not limited to) tee shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, hats are not considered business casual.
- Please check the message board on the homepage of the Code Academy's [Online Registration System](#) regularly for updates and announcements.

CODE CHANGE TRAINING - 2021 Code Cycle (updated 10/15/24)

- Completion of the 2021 CCT is due no later than January 18, 2025.
- The 2021 [CCT training requirements](#) are available on the DHCD website.
- New this cycle is the requirement for certain certificate holders to complete Accessibility training. Refer to the [training requirements](#) for more information.
- Self-paced online (VA Learning Center) – All technical and administrative modules are available online as well as the Accessibility module (2017 a117.1)

Online Registration System (ORS) (updated 11/26/24)

- Code Officials Directories: The code official directories are now located on the Online Registration System. They can be viewed without having to sign-in (similar to the certificate search feature) keeping them available to citizens and others. The new live directories reflect updates in real-time as DHCD receives official notice per the USBC. If there are needed updates, edits, or corrections contact Sandi.morris@dhcd.virginia.gov directly.
- **NEW** – For those wishing to indicate pronoun preference this optional feature is now available in the ORS user profile section.

- Certificate holders can print the wall certificate version of their certifications directly from the certification history page of their ORS account. DHCD will continue to mail the wallet card to the certificate holders.
- Users can now view their lodging requests for upcoming classes through the training history tab on their ORS account. Self-service changes to lodging or registration can be made directly through the system up to registration closing. If registration is already closed contact the VBCA office ybca@dhcd.virginia.gov for lodging changes or cancelations.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA LEARNING CENTER (COVLC)

New users

- **New Users (including new Core students) Students**
 - Email us at ybca@dhcd.virginia.gov to request a new Learning Center account, and we typically process these in 1-2 working days.
 - The user will get an email with their Learning Center login ID and temporary password.
 - If an existing account is located, we will add DHCD domain access to the existing account wherever possible to avoid duplicate accounts.
- **If you have – or think you might have - an EXISTING Learning Center account (VDFP, DEQ, VDFM, other state agencies),** email us at ybca@dhcd.virginia.gov, and provide as much information on the existing account as possible (such as Login ID, full name, and the email associated with the account if different). Note that we may also be able to locate your account by name without these details.

OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) DETAILS AND REMINDERS (11/13/24)

- Certificate holders whose last names begin with N-Z are due to submit 16 hours of continuing education May 1, 2025.
- For help with Continuing Education questions, instructions, and forms, refer to the Resources section of the DHCD Continuing Education webpage at dhcd.virginia.gov > codes > Earn, Maintain, or Verify a Certification > *Continuing Education* or <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/continuing-education>

DHCD NOTIFICATION REMINDER

Reminder that the USBC/SFPC requires localities to notify DHCD when code officials are appointed or released and when technical assistants are employed or separated from employment. Notification is required:

- By the appointing authority within 30 days of the appointment or release of a permanent or acting:
 - Building Code Official
 - Maintenance Official
 - Fire Code Official
- By the code official within 60 days of the employment of, contracting with or termination of all:
 - Building Code Technical Assistants
 - Maintenance Code Technical Assistants
 - Fire Code Technical Assistants

As always, do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns:

State Building Codes Office: sbco@dhcd.virginia.gov or (804) 371-7150

SBCO Offsite Construction: osc@dhcd.virginia.gov

Virginia Building Code Academy: vbca@dhcd.virginia.gov or (804) 371-7180

VPMIA Membership Meeting Minutes Report

Microsoft Teams January 10, 2025 10am-12Pm

Audio Recorded Duration: 2hr

Pledge of Allegiance

A Quorum was established and acknowledged by Vice President Peter Kaptain

Motion to approve agenda: Approved Unanimously

Attendance:, James Anjam, Skip Harper, Sandi Morris, Avi Smith-Rose, Tom Clark, Anthony McMahan, Brian Petty, David Beahm, Dennis Hart, Ron Clements, Edwin Castillo, Pete Kaptain, Taylor Reed, Vic Hines, Joshua Rolfe, Fred Crowell, Christopher Martin

Treasurer Report: Please see attached report. It was presented by Josh Rolfe on Chris Hickey's behalf.

Executive Secretary Report: Spoke about the new members that have come into the membership.

Committee Reports:

ICC:

Avi Smith-Rose is our liaison at this time and mentioned to us that if we would like specific training sessions or want to provide feedback on the trainings we have had then we can reach out to him and he can convey information as well as help our associations work together to come up with training we may like to see available in the future.

ICC Region VII:

Joshua Rolfe had a small update stating the meeting place had been decided and the upcoming meeting would be on January 16 and 17th. There will not be a virtual option for this upcoming meeting as confirmed by Avi Smith-rose.

DHCD:

Sandi Morris stands on report and is helping the VPMIA understand the needs for the stipend tracking.

DPOR:

Not present but the report was submitted.

Advertising yearbook:

James Anjam noted that many people noted last year that the yearbook needed more informational articles because it mostly contained ads. So the attendees all agreed they would seek sources of information articles for this year's yearbook. Vic Hines spoke of needing to update the vendors sponsorship form and get it posted to the website.

Auditing:

Pete Kaptain stated he has been working with Chris Hickey to get the auditing/budget done.

Awards:

Tom Clark nothing to report. But info coming soon on the website.

By Laws:

Skip Harper no report.

Certification/Education:

Anthony McMahan stated he is already making the agenda and working on finding relevant training for our upcoming Spring SOI and is speaking with several providers at the moment.

Finance:

Chris Hickey was not present, but report was presented by Joshua Rolfe.

Information and Technology:

Travers Body was not present and had no report. Skip harper was present and noted the website it still getting adjustments to update the information but also possible changes to add updates/information to the main page.

Nominating:

Dennis Hart encouraged the board to submit nominations and to speak to members that may be interested in serving the membership. A constant contact will be distributed for nominations.

BCAAC (AD HOC):

Kris Bridges has recently taken this position and will be added to future meetings.

Legislative:

Ron Clements Bills started coming in this week but there have not been many. There are some key points to keep an eye on. There is a bill requesting a study to be done on cooling and heating switchover dates. Some of the other bills are landlord tenant type bills. ADU's are currently a hot topic. There are fireworks bills that are being discussed. Recovery residences are being discussed as they are happening more and more. They are adding member to the board of housing from the VBCOA to have 2 code officials instead of one. Finally a topic about rainwater harvesting and an attempt to make it easier hopefully.

Membership:

Chris Martin presented his report. No additional details.

PMG:

Dennis Hart stands on report . He is however looking for proposals for the 24' VA code please get in touch with him. PMG meeting notices will be sent via Constant Contact.

Time and Place:

Vacant but the location was determined by a prior board meeting to be in Richmond, VA and has been secured for the Spring SOL.

Building Safety Month and VCEC:

Tom Clark District 1 has been the most active and likely to receive the reward at the time. Discussion on possibly removing building safety month rewards. VCEC no report but a meeting will be coming soon.

VBCOA:

David Beahm reports there was a presentation for the outgoing CEO of ICC Dominic. Christinia Jackson took position representing VA. January 23rd there will be a BOD meeting. Mid-year conference March 9th and 10th coming up.

Old Business:

#1 Motion approved: Shirts for the SOI was changed to Hats instead for this upcoming Spring SOI. The previously approved amount was \$2500 and will utilized for the hats.

New Business:

#1 Motion approved for the scholarship to be funded up to \$2000 for 5 people who get approved.

Discussions:

#1 Circle around to discuss maybe sending 2 people to the Governors Housing Conference

#2 Skip states he will try to update the email address receiving the questions. Instead of Skip receiving them personally they will try and get them to go to VPMIAVCEC@gmail.com

#3 Discussion on possibly changing the Building safety Month program or discontinuing it.