

MINUTES

2015 International Energy Conservation Code Task Force Energy Rating Index (ERI) - Duct and Envelope Tightness (DET) Subcommittee

**First Meeting
March 21, 2017, 10:08 A.M.**

Call to order- Chairman, Ryan Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M. by welcoming and introducing subcommittee members, Department of Community Affairs (DCA) staff, and all guests. (See the last page of the minutes for a list of attendees).

Chairman Taylor explained the purpose of the subcommittee as to discuss the code requirements for Energy Rating Index (ERI) - Duct and Envelope Tightness (DET) and report back to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (2015 IECC) Task Force. This subcommittee would also discuss any proposed amendments pertaining to the ERI and DET.

Presentations-

- Energy Rating Index (ERI) Georgia Energy Code Amendment Submitted by Amanda Hickman, InterCode, Incorporated, on behalf of Leading Builders of America(LBA). (Available upon request)

Discussion of Energy Rating Index (ERI) Amendments-

- LBA proposed amendment mirrors the same language in the 2018 IECC.
- There was a discussion on the backstop table, 2009 IECC vs 2015 IECC.
- Charles Cottrell with North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA) represented the Responsible Energy Codes Alliance (RECA) in support for the RECA and LBA proposals on Section R406 Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative.
- Shan Arora, Southface provided testimony in support of his amendment to Section R406.
- There was a discussion on harmonizing the language of the amendment with the Georgia House Bill 57, "Solar Power Free-Market Financing Act of 2015"
- There was a discussion on having one unified number for all three Climate Zones in Georgia.

LUNCH BREAK- The Task Force broke for lunch (11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.)

Discussion of Performance Testing-

- There was a discussion on residential performance testing and Home Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG) proposed amendments on Section R402.4.1.2 Testing was discussed.
- There was a discussion on mechanical ventilation and make up air.
- There was a discussion on duct testing and who would be eligible to perform the test.
- There was a discussion on requiring blower door test for mid-rise multifamily housing units.

Discussion of Proposed Amendment by the Task Force-

- Table R402.1.2 - Proponent provided testimony in support of amendment.

OLD BUSINESS- There was no further old business.

NEW BUSINESS- There was no new business.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING-

- Chairman Taylor announced the next scheduled meeting is April 25, 2017.
- No further business or discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 P.M.

Attendees

Task Force Members Present: Ryan Taylor, Mike Barcik, Neal Davis, James Martin, Elaine Powers, David A. Hirsch and Ron Anderson.

Staff Members Present: Ted Miltiades, Seti Ordoobadi, Bill Towson, Matt McConnell, Kadedra Caldwell and Austin Dyer.

Guests: Bourke Reeve, Southface; Nick Wortel, APA; Brian Shanks, Beazer Homes; Steve Ferguson, ASHRAE; Phil Brown, ICYNENE Insulation; Randy Nicklas, ICYNENE Insulation; Kevin Chenoweth, D&L Heating and Air Inc.; Brian Griffin, Quality Air Inc.; Jennifer DeWeese, Duke Realty; Bettie Sleeth, HBAG; Ridge Davis, RHD Services; Kelly Lass, HBAG; Josh Roth, BOAG; Glenn Haller, GSFIC; David Dowis, SCCS; Charles Cottrell, NAIMA; David Goulding, Ensign Building; Jimmy Reynolds, Green South Energy Solutions; Amanda Hickman, Intercode Inc.; Ted Terry, Sierra Club; Kelly Cutts, David Gibson, GEFA; Don Willis, Smart Energy Solution; Penny Mocerri, GA Apartment Association; Paul Ivey, City of Brookhaven; Haydon Stanley, GA Apartment Association; Thomas Beusse, American Chemistry Council; Michael Power, American Chemistry Council.

End of Minutes.