



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2025
Video Conference Call
10:30 am-12:30 pm

Transcript of this Board meeting can be found [here](#).

UNAPPROVED REVISED MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	DOB Staff Present	Other Persons Present
Marc Fetterman, Vice Chair	Gus Mehrdad	LaTrease Christian	Emily Appelbaum
Matt Borger		Ashley Delgado	Kimberly Brown, <i>BEGA</i>
Mike Brown		Helen Hooks-Scott	Ryan Cafritz, <i>DOEE</i>
Joel Causey			Perrilyn Fanfulik <i>DOEE</i>
Anthony Dale			Merry Gebretsadik, <i>MOTA</i>
Ed Kauffman			Rob Hawkins, <i>Berlin Rosen</i>
Harrison Miller			Wilfred "Skip" Keats <i>Co-Chair, ANC-5D</i>
Keith Parsons			CherylN Kelley, <i>IMT</i>
Jeff Reiss			Darinka Komlijenovic, <i>DC Homeowner</i>
Casey Studhalter			Dave Malloff, <i>Ward 2</i>
Jason Wright			Carly McGovern, <i>NEEP</i>
			Chris Pendley, <i>AOBA</i>
			Mamie Preston, <i>DC Homeowner</i>
			Jon Tung, <i>Field & Tung</i>
			Jeff Viano, <i>former CCCB</i>

1. Preliminary Matters

i. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Marc Fetterman, Vice Chairperson. Marc Fetterman has the role of Board Acting Chairperson because there is no Board Chairperson. Roll call of Board members and other persons present was initiated by Marc Fetterman. All members and other persons present participated via WebEx video conference.

ii. CCCB Resignation and Possible Replacement for our Structural Engineer Representative:

Jeff Viano, PE, has moved out of DC and has resigned from the CCCB. Emily Appelbaum, PE, has been recommended by Jeff Viano. Mike Brown is working with MOTA on Emily Appelbaum's appointment. MOTA has contacted Emily to verify her address. Once verified, her application will be reviewed by MOTA.

ii. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Marc Fetterman presented the meeting agenda for the Board's approval. A motion to adopt the meeting agenda was made by Joel Causey and seconded by Jason Wright. Without any objections, the agenda was adopted.

iii. Review and Adoption of Minutes of March 20, 2025, Regular Meeting

Marc Fetterman presented the revised meeting minutes from March 20, 2025, Board Meeting for the Board's approval. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously upon motion made by Harrison Miller and seconded by Joel Causey. Without any objections, the minutes were adopted.

2. Code Change Proposals for Consideration

i. No new proposals

Amendment No.	Code/Section	CCCB Presentation	Procedural History	CCCB Action & Date

3. Administrative & Other Matters

i. Discussion of 2023 Code Changes distributed to CCCB August 15, 2025. Review by CCCB and TAGs prior to publication in DC Register as Proposed Rulemaking: Marc Fetterman & Mike Brown

- a. Marc Fetterman stated that the CCCB has received a draft document from Mike Brown, which contains proposed edits by Mike Brown and Office of the Attorney General representatives. Marc Fetterman noted that there are changes to the Building Code, including Chapter 1; the Fire Code; Chapter 10 of the Mechanical Code (Boilers); and the Property Maintenance Code. Mike Brown indicated that the Mayor's Office and City Administrator are presently reviewing the document.

Marc Fetterman stated that, in the past, DC FEMS has used its own lawyers to review changes to the Fire Code and he asked Ed Kauffman to review the document with his department's attorneys. Mike Brown stated the changes to the Fire Code were made by the Office of the Attorney General to more clearly define the authority of the Building Code Official versus the authority of the Fire Code Official. Mike Brown suggested that once the document is reviewed by DC FEMS attorneys, a meeting with DC FEMS, Josh at OAG, as well as himself, would be beneficial.

Mike Brown also suggested setting up a meeting with Matt Borger and Josh to review the Property Maintenance Code changes.

Mike Brown noted that changes to the Mechanical Code, Chapter 10 regarding Boilers, fell into two categories. Some proposed amendments are no longer under the authority of DOB and now reside with DLCP. The second issue was incongruence between some of the amendments in Chapter 10 and the ASME standard. Marc Fetterman reminded the Board of the difficulties that the Mechanical TAG had reviewing Boilers, due to the strong opinions of DCRA

former-staff and the issue that DOB did not own a copy of the ASME standard. Mike Brown stated that the standard could be purchased. The TAG had previously recommended that Boilers be reviewed by a special committee. This has not happened but hopefully will happen in the future.

ii. Appointment of CCCB Chair and support staff: Mike Brown

- a. A grant that will fund the CCCB Chair, a CCCB support person, and a part-time CCCB-focused attorney has survived recent fund-raising cuts. These positions will begin to be filled in October, 2025.

iii. CCCB Private-Sector Members Renewal of Appointments by MOTA

- a. MOTA has no date for the swearing-in. MOTA will be contacted to provide an update.

iv. Net-Zero Code for next code cycle: Mike Brown

- a. The Mayor attempted to delay enforcement of a Council law that will require a Net Zero Code until 2030 or 2032. Council has not embraced this idea; therefore, a code must be adopted by December 31, 2026, or the most recent Energy Code-Commercial Appendix Z will become the energy code for substantial renovations and new construction of commercial buildings. Appendix Z has not yet been used in this manner.

Mike Brown and Matt Borger discussed the Net-Zero Code and how to reduce unnecessary work. Several ideas are being considered by DOB, DOEE, and the Mayor's Office, including the slight amending of a 2024 ICC Energy Code Appendix. Additional information will be shared at our next meeting.

v. WGL lawsuit: Mike Brown

- a. No update. The Office of the Attorney General is handling that case. Written arguments are still being accepted and no date for a decision has been announced.

vi. Update on DC Council Bills signed by Mayor that affect Construction Codes: Mike Brown

a. Insurance for Adjacent Properties (DC Law 339 & DC Act 25-373 Expired)

It is not being enforced. It has legal issues, rulemaking has not occurred, and it has not been funded. For it to move forward, it will need to return to Council.

b. Bird-friendly Building Facades (DC Bill 24-337)

The proposed rulemaking is presently being reviewed by the Mayor's Office and, when this is complete, DOB may recommend additional changes. Once approved, DOB will enforce the law. In response to a question, Mike Brown agreed to share the proposed rulemaking with the CCCB.

c. Harmonious Living Amendment Act of 2024 (DC Bill 25-750)

It is not being enforced. Rulemaking has not occurred, and it has not been funded.

- vii. Financial disclosure statement issues & filing date: Marc Fetterman**
Some private-sector Board members submitted the financial disclosure statement and some did not. This requirement has been put on hold through the end of the year to allow Council to consider this requirement.
- viii. BEGA yearly ethics final training this year is October 29, 2025: Marc Fetterman**
 - a. Private-sector Board member were reminded that each private-sector member is required to attend a one-hour ethics training session annually.
- ix. TAG Role and Work Plan Draft, Update of July 16, 2020 Document: Marc Fetterman**
 - a. This document was revised by Chris Bailey and discussed with the CCCB while he was CCCB Chair. It has been revised by Marc Fetterman to reflect current practices and will be distributed for comment.
- x. Next CCCB Regular Meeting – September 18, 2025**

4. Comments by Board Members and Members of the Public

- i. Joel Causey offered a comment about the TAG Role and Work Plan Draft.
- ii. Rob Hawkins also commented on the TAG Role and Work Plan Draft. His recollection was that a goal of Chris Bailey's revisions were to push the authority of the Board to the TAGs. He requested to see the document and Marc Fetterman agreed to share it with the public.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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