

**MN Rule 1323 Advisory Committee  
Commercial Energy Code  
Meeting Notes No. 1**

**Meeting Date:** January 3, 2012

**Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Name	Present	Absent
Scott Nelson – Chair (DLI)	X	
Don Sivigny – Co-Chair (DLI)	X	
Alison Lindburg – Fresh Energy	X	
Bruce Nelson – Dept. of Commerce	X	
Clark Kube - AMBO	X	
Dave Bryan - AIA	X	
Eric Boyd – Dept. of Commerce (Alt. for Bruce Nelson)	X	
Mumtaz Anwar - AMBO	X	
Steve Kismohr - MEEA	X	
John Smith - BOMA	X	

**Guests Present:**

Name	Present	Absent
Gary Thaden – MMCA	X	
Colleen Chirhart – DLI	X	

The meeting was called to order by Scott Nelson at 9:10 am.

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**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

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This is the first meeting of this committee, so there are no previous meeting notes to approve.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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- 1-1. Colleen Chirhart gave a presentation on the role of the Advisory Committee and how to propose changes to the published code. This included going over the dli web site at [www.dli.mn.gov](http://www.dli.mn.gov), 3 policies, rules schedule, the proposed change form on the website, the revisors web site at [www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov), general rule making information including what a SONAR (Statement of Need and Reasonableness) is, and what information is required for each SONAR that is submitted.

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- 1-2. The Minnesota Energy Code Rule 1323 now in use took effect on June 1, 2009, and is based on ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004 with Minnesota amendments. Only the amendments are posted at the DLI website. For complete code requirements, the ASHRAE 90.1 – 2004 Standard needs to be used with the amendments.\
- 1-3. The Energy Code being proposed is to use the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with new Minnesota amendments. This code will allow the use of ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010, but if there are questions on that Standard, they need to be asked of ASHRAE. Questions on the IECC can be directed to the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI).
- 1-4. Don Sivigny handed out a draft of proposed Minnesota amendments that have been prepared to date for the committee members to review.
- 1-5. This committee will only be looking at the commercial provisions of the IECC (chapters beginning with “C”). The 2012 IECC book includes the ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2010, but we will not be looking at the ASHRAE section.
- 1-6. Chapter 4 of the IECC adopts ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2010. If someone wants to use the ASHRAE Standard, it must be the 2010 version. Using the current 2004 version would not be allowed.
- 1-7. When a change is being proposed, it needs to be based on the 2012 IECC publication, or the already assembled proposed MN amendments.
- 1-8. MN Rule 1300 is the Administrative Code that applies to all codes. Rule 1323 applies to commercial buildings and all buildings four stories and higher, even if they are of residential type occupancy.
- 1-9. This committee does not approve products. The code describes required performance.
- 1-10. The IECC does not address “vapor barriers/retarders.” The committee needs to verify if these are being addressed as a part of the IBC.
- 1-11. IECC discussed heating and cooling loads calculated as described in ASHRAE Standard 183. John Smith will obtain a copy of that Standard for review.
- 1-12. Chapter 5 is “Referenced Standards.” If this committee identifies other standards that should be referenced, they can be added by amendment.
- 1-13. At the next meeting on January 17, 2012, we will review chapters 1, 2, 3 and 5, plus the proposed amendments that have already been assembled, and, if there is time, the first part of chapter 4. If there are proposed changes, those written proposals need to be sent to Scott Nelson by no later than 4:00 pm on January 9, 2012 to be reviewed on January 17th.

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**ONGOING INFORMATION**

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1-1. Review proposed MN amendments, and chapters 1, 2, 3 and 5 for next meeting.

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**SONARs to develop**

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1-1. None

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**ITEMS TO REVIEW WITH OTHER GROUPS**

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1-1. None

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**CODE CHANGE TRACKING FORM**

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1-1. None

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**If you cannot make a future meeting and know it, please notify Scott Nelson so that he can take this into account when developing the meeting agenda.**

**Future meetings will be held at Department of Labor and Industry Building located at 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN. Future meeting dates:**

**January 17, 2012 at 9:00 am: Review proposed amendments, chapters 1, 2, 3, 5**

**January 31, 2012 at 9:00 am: Review chapter 4**

**February 14, 2012 at 9:00 am: Review chapter 4**

**February 28, 2012 at 9:00 am: Review chapter 4**