

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

NFPA 13 Review Committee

June 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Participants

Shelly Wakefield**
Denise Fitzpatrick**
Ron Ritchey
Ralph Gerdes
Mike Koppes
** staff
*guest

Dave Kish
Mel Lane
Matt Mitchell
Jeff Dean
Erik Kassig

Mark Riffey
Brian Lancaster *
Brian Fisher

The meeting started at 9 am; a motion and second to approve the May 2011 meeting minutes was introduced and passed with no opposition. Committee discussion moved to consider the fiscal impact of changes associated with chapter 17. Members found that the requirements for sprinkler protection of columns were the only changes that create a fiscal impact. Committee members next recommended that the commodity listings in the current State Fire Code be adopted for use in chapter 20 (commodity listings in the Fire Code and NFPA 13 are in general agreement).

Discussion moved to chapter 21. Shelly Wakefield handed out a spreadsheet listing the various nationally recognized standards currently adopted by the State. The committee believes that, as is the case for the various standards listed in the Fire and Building codes, the standards referenced in NFPA 13 will be applicable. There was a motion and second to adopt chapter 21 as published; the committee voted in favor of the motion with one abstention. Committee members felt adopting this chapter, as written, will have no fiscal impact.

Mike Koppes discussed chapter 22; the committee determined there is no fiscal impact associated with this chapter. Committee discussion also led to the conclusion that there is no fiscal impact associated with adopting chapters 23 and 24.

Ralph Gerdes indicated he will submit a code change for chapter 23 (23.1.5.1), and he will also work on a code change for chapter 26 to address inactive systems abandoned in place. The next committee meeting will be in September. Denise Fitzpatrick will send the proposed date to committee members.