

Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board Meeting

Labor & Industries

May 18, 2023

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

L&I Point Plaza East – Room PPE 111 & Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present: Joan Brown- Chair, James Farley, Calvin Dahl, Craig Hillis, Todd Blevins

Absent: Kevin McShane, Chris Tyler,

L&I Staff: Chris Rarig, Barbara Skiles, Alicia Curry, Matthew Erlich, Charles Parton, Meagan Edwards, Brian Hornback

Public: Lori Johnson, Lance Clark, Brady Peeks,

PROCEDURAL:

- Introductions
- Meeting called to order by Joan Brown at 10:11am
- Approval of Minutes- Craig Hillis and Calvin Dahl

PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Program update and staffing:
 - Plans Examiners
 - One open full time Plans Examiner position.
 - Two part-time Plans Examiners on staff.
 - Inspectors
 - One open Inspector position.
- Workloads and backlog:
 - FBS – 2 wks
 - MH – 1-2 wks.
 - RPT – 1 wk.
 - CC – current
 - TWH - current
 - Vendors – 7wks for new plans and resubmittals are 6-8 wks.
 - RV – 6 wks.
- Out of State inspections
 - Out of state/Out of country builders
 - No backlogs - Out of country is going to pick back up soon based on communications we're receiving.
 - RV audits: We've sent out teams of inspectors in efforts to get some inspectors trained. Three trips in the last several months.

RULES & LEGISLATION:

- Fee increase:
 - Alicia – Fee increase by the fiscal growth factor rate, this increase is needed to cover the cost increased operating cost of the program as well as provide for some new technology updates. The fiscal growth rate is 6.22%. Filing a CR-101 around June 6th, tentative effective date is December 1st.
- Alicia – Implement SB-5089 Agency request legislation that added additional members to the board and clean-up. HB 1514 that allows RV and RPT manufacturers that have an agency approved quality control program to be able to request and purchase an insignia while they have plans in line for review. Both bills will take effect July 23, 2023. We're planning to start the rulemaking process in early July 2023.
 - Chris
 - With the passing of HB 5089 the bill language says increasing from 9 to at least 11. This allows for additional representation if we identify additional stakeholders that might provide value in the future. The two positions that have been talked about in the last two years are food truck and allied trades.
 - Calvin
 - Recommended Lori Johnson and Brady Peeks for board positions.

NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS:

- Chris Rarig
 - WABO education entity have suggested the FAS program be involved in training Building Inspectors on what their role is with the installation of Manufactured homes. We agree it's a good idea.
 - Charlie Parton
 - What I envision is something that's geared towards the inspector requirements, checklist to help them understand.
 - One of the big topics is the state adaptation of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) requirements going into effect in July 1, 2023.
- Lori Johnson
 - Regarding WAC 296-150V-1303, more of our vendors are switching over to the new jewel case lithium battery. Does this WAC need an update?
 - Chris – this WAC is around the corner to be updated.
 - What does a customer send for an alteration?
 - Barb – They will need to purchase the permit, submit the insignia application, picture of existing insignia and what's being changed.
 - The subject of NPFA 96 being implemented July 1st, what specifically will affect Vendors? Matt Charles stated the make-up air, there may be a possible exemption?
 - There were a bunch of meetings that took place between LNI and the Health Departments. Customers are now being asked by the health departments for a letter from LNI to show approval.
 - Chris Rarig – Our insignia is the approval of the unit, we don't write letters of approval.
- New Factory

- Chris – Mosaic is a modular builder that has product going to Oregon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 am

Joan Brown, Chair

Chris Rarig, Secretary to the Board