

Summary Profile: State Codes and Standards Committee (as of 7/1/13) Review Committee of Cognizance: Public Safety and Security	
STATUTORY REFERENCE	C.G.S. Sec. 29-251
ESTABLISHED	1969
ORGANIZATION LOCATION	Department of Administrative Services (since July 1, 2013); previously Department of Construction Services; Department of Public Safety
DUTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with the State Building Inspector and the State Fire Marshal in enforcement • To review, with DAS commissioner, existing regulations of each state agency to determine whether any provision conflicts with the State Building Code, the State Fire Safety Code, the State Fire Prevention Code, or any other fire safety regulation. Agencies not in compliance must respond within 90 days.
REGULATIONS ROLE	Committee must adopt regulations governing committee procedures.
STAFF	The committee may, within the limits of appropriations provided therefor, employ such assistants as may be necessary to conduct its business.
BUDGET	No budget line item
NUMBER OF MEETINGS	Not specified
MEMBERSHIP	<p>21 members, residents of the state, appointed by the DAS commissioner as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 architects licensed in the state of Connecticut • 3 professional engineers licensed in the state of Connecticut (2 shall practice either structural, mechanical or electrical engineering but in no event shall both of such members represent the same specialty and 1 shall be a practicing fire protection engineer or mechanical engineer with extensive experience in fire protection) • 2 builders or superintendents of construction (1 expert in residential construction and 1 expert in nonresidential construction) • 1 public health official • 2 building officials • 2 local fire marshals • 1 Connecticut member of a national building trades labor organization • 1 expert in matters relating to energy efficiency; • 4 public members (1 expert in matters relating to accessibility and use of facilities by the physically disabled and who shall be selected from a list of names submitted by the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 licensed electrical contractor or a member of a statewide electrical trades labor organization; • 1 licensed plumbing and piping contractor or a member of a statewide plumbing trades labor organization; and • 1 licensed heating, piping, and cooling contractor or a member of a statewide heating and cooling trades labor organization. <p>Each member, except the public members, shall have had not less than ten years' practical experience in such member's profession or business.</p>
TERMS	Members who fail to attend 3 consecutive meetings or 50% of all meetings during a calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned.
COMPENSATION	Not mentioned
ANNUAL REPORT	The Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Codes and Standards Committee, shall report any such recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET:
State Codes and Standards Committee
Review Committee of Cognizance: Public Safety and Security

Part I: Statutory Compliance & Performance Activity

Questions in this section relate to compliance to the entity's statutory mandates and specific performance activity measures pertaining to the entity's primary duties.

1. Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 29-251, has the State Codes and Standards Committee met all of its statutory mandates and requirements? (*see attached profile*)
 - committee membership? *All current positions are full. The new seats added this session are scheduled to be filled on schedule.*
 - meeting schedule? *Regular monthly meetings are notices and held; agenda and minutes are on our website.*
 - member compensation? *None*
 - reporting requirements? *Only if there are recommendations*

If not, please explain. *None filed recently*
2. Are the meeting minutes, agendas, and other committee materials public and accessible? *Yes, on our website*
3. Does the committee have a website presence for public contact and input? *Yes.*
4. Please provide the current and previous year's budget expenditures for the State Codes and Standards Committee. *None, supported within DCS/DAS general operating budget.*
5. What is the current and previous year's staffing level for the State Codes and Standards Committee? *Currently year ½ clerical staff, P/T legal staff. Previous year 1 F/T clerical staff, P/T legal staff.*
6. To date, have all existing state agency regulations been reviewed to determine whether any provision conflicts with codes and standards? If not, why? What is schedule cycle?
7. For each of the last three years, what number and percent of agency regulations were found to be non-compliant or in conflict?
8. For each of the last three years, what number and percent of agencies responded within the statutory mandated 90 days?
9. For each of the last three years, what were the reasons for those agencies who do not respond accordingly? What is average response time for those not responding within 90 days?
10. For each of the last three years, what enforcement action, if any, is used to bring agencies into compliance?

Part II: Statutorily-Based Sunset Questions

Questions in this part pertain to the statutorily-based sunset criteria. This includes the sunset criteria for

determining public need (C.G.S. Sec. 2c-7) and the sunset criteria for determining whether a regulatory entity or program served the general public (C.G.S. Sec.2c-8). (N/A means the criterion is not applicable to the entity under review due to the nature of its functions or characteristics. (N/A means the criterion is not applicable to the entity under review due to the nature of its functions or characteristics (e.g., if the entity does not hire employees, affirmative action requirements do not appear to be applicable).

1. Would termination of the State Codes and Standards Committee significantly endanger the public health, safety or welfare? *If yes, explain why. Yes, this committee is responsible, jointly with the State Building Inspector, to develop the State Building Code and with the State Fire Marshal the State Fire Safety Code. It is the appeals body for local building decisions and decisions of the SBI and SFM.*
2. Would the termination of the committee's primary activity significantly endanger public health, safety, or welfare? If yes, explain why. *Yes. See discussion above.*
3. Could the public be adequately protected by another statute, office, or program, or by a less restrictive method of regulation such as absence of the State Codes and Standards Committee? *No.*
4. Does the State Codes and Standards Committee have the effect of increasing the costs of goods or services to the public either directly or indirectly? Is there data to demonstrate this effect? If so, do the benefits to the public outweigh this additional cost? *No not directly. The committee, along with the SBI/SFM, adopt national model codes as part of the State Building and Fire Safety Codes. New requirements in these codes are, at times, perceived as increasing the cost of construction, however, these changes improve safety of newly constructed buildings and are costs seen throughout the industry and country.*
5. Is the effectiveness of the State Codes and Standards Committee's operation impeded by existing statutes, regulations or policies, including budgetary and personnel policies? *No.*
6. (N/A) To what extent are qualified applicants been permitted to engage in any profession, occupation, trade or activity regulated by the State Codes and Standards Committee?
7. To what extent has the State Codes and Standards Committee complied with federal and state affirmative action requirements? *Not applicable*
8. To what extent has the State Codes and Standards Committee recommended statutory changes which would benefit the public as opposed to the persons regulated? Please provide examples. *None*
9. To what extent has the State Codes and Standards Committee encouraged public participation in the formulation of its regulations and policies? *The committee encourages participation by all stakeholders of the building and fire codes. All subcommittee meetings are public and the submittal of code change proposals are encouraged. We recently launched a specific Code Adoption Webpage to make it easier for the industry and the public to be aware of and participate in the adoption process.*
10. Explain the manner in which the State Codes and Standards Committee has processed and resolved public complaints concerning persons subject to committee regulation? *The committee does not directly regulate persons. Appeal hearing decisions, by statute can be appealed in superior court.*

Part III: Standard RBA Questions

This part contains the eight standard results-based accountability questions adopted by the Appropriations Committee for all programs.

1. What is the quality of life result to which the State Codes and Standards Committee makes the most important contribution? *The built environment, by insuring it is safer and healthier.*
2. How does the State Codes and Standards Committee contribute to the result? *By adopting codes that are technically up to date, usable and enforceable.*
3. Who are the State Codes and Standards Committee's major customers? *The design and construction community directly. The general public, in the sense that the codes affect every citizen.*
4. What measures are used to tell if the State Codes and Standards Committee is delivering its services well? How is the State Codes and Standards Committee doing on the most important of those measures? Provide data to support this assessment. *Metrics are not kept.*
5. What measures are used to tell if the State Codes and Standards Committee's customers are better off? How is the State Codes and Standards Committee doing on the most important of those measures? Provide data to support this assessment. *Metrics are not kept.*
6. Who are the partners with a major role to play in improving performance? *State Building Inspector / State Fire Marshal*
7. What works, what could work, to do better, or to do the least harm in a difficult financial climate? *There is no significant financial or economic impact from the committee's actions.*
8. What specific actions or changes, if any, are proposed to take over the next two years? *None.*