

LEGAL ACTION REPORT / MEETING MINUTES

Tucson-Pima County Joint Consolidated Code Committee

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Bright at 10:04 a.m.

Members:

Rick Bright	Present
Dennis Coon	Present
Fred Knapp	Absent
Jeff Hamstra	Absent
Ken Cawthorne	Present (Online)
Thomas Hayes	Present
Dave Gibbens	Absent

Staff:

Clayton Trevillyan, COT
Dan Ice, Pima County
Sarah Davis, Pima County
Ian Gillaspie, COT
Juan Quintana, COT

2. Approval of meeting minutes

Dennis Coon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2026 meeting. This motion was duly seconded by Thomas Hayes and carried by a voice vote of 4-0.

3. Call to the audience

Comments were made by Jared Herman regarding the intentions and recommendations for updating the scope and clarity of the Pima County Earthen Building Code.

4. Committee discussion on the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code update

Sarah Davis from the Pima County Administrator's Office revisited amendments to section C406.1 of the 2024 IECC, and opportunities in energy savings in S1 and S2 occupancy categories at different square footage thresholds. Amendment language from the County was presented for review. Dennis Coon proposed an additional 4th line item to the County's language. Ken Cawthorn agreed the additional language helped clarify the square footage requirements of the amendment. Dennis Coons made a motion to add the 4th line item to the C406.1 amendment. Ken Cawthorn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote of 4-0. Sarah Davis closed out by asking the committee to consider potential

incentives for above-code measures that the County could implement to further emission reductions.

5. Earthen wall building materials

Chairman Bright suggested creating a sub-committee to further explore the earthen building materials topic, nominating Dave Gibbens as chair. Brent Woods from Pima County Development Services shared his prior involvement in the creation of the Earthen Building Code amendments and offered to participate in the sub-committee for further refinement. A request was made for local architects with experience in Earthen building materials to be contacted for potential sub-committee inclusion. Dennis Coon made a motion to establish an Earthen building materials sub-committee with Dave Gibbens as Chair. Ken Cawthorn seconded the motion. Motion was passed with a voice vote of 4-0.

6. GFCI requirements for HVAC units.

Dennis Coon stated there is currently a proposal by the NFPA to delay the implementation of the HVAC GFCI requirement until September 1, 2028 because of potential issues with false GFCI trips due to various factors including inverters, harmonics, and variable speed systems. Clayton Trevillyan stated the City has been requiring GFCI on HVAC for permits applied for after September 1, 2026. Dennis Coon suggested waiting until the NFPA has voted on the issue in a few weeks before the committee makes a decision. No motions were made.

7. Future agenda items

A meeting will be scheduled for October 21, 2026 to discuss the following items:

- IECC Amendments follow up
- Earthen wall building materials sub-committee update
- GFCI requirements for HVAC units revisited

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.