A little background information...
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 45 of 1999: The PA Construction Code Act

• Establishes statewide building code

• Authorizes Department of Labor & Industry to recommend adoption of triennial model codes

• Allows choices for municipalities to “opt in” or “opt out”

• Allows choices for municipal enforcement
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 45 of 1999: The PA Construction Code Act

• RESULTED IN ADOPTION OF 2003 AND 2006 INTERNATIONAL CODES
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 106 of 2008: UCC Review and Advisory Council

• Drafted by coalition led by AIA PA

• Establishes RAC to evaluate information and advise Governor and General Assembly

• RAC composed of regulated stakeholders: 5 builders, 8 municipal officials, 6 licensed design professionals

• RAC can recommend deletion of provisions, but DLI still responsible for adoption process
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 106 of 2008: UCC Review and Advisory Council

• RESULTED IN ADOPTION OF 2009 INTERNATIONAL CODES
Act 1 of 2011: Amending the UCC RAC

• RAC must recommend adoption of each provision instead of deletion of limited provisions

• Requires 2/3 vote to adopt each provision

• Removes checks and balances (public review) before adoption
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 1 of 2011: Amending the UCC RAC

• RESULTED IN REJECTION (INABILITY TO ACHIEVE 2/3 VOTES) OF 2012 AND 2015 INTERNATIONAL CODES

2009  2012  2015  2018
Something is not working...
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 36 of 2017: Amending the UCC RAC

• Adds 2 members: now 21 members with 4 appointed by General Assembly

• Creates Technical Advisory Committees

• Allows RAC to modify code provisions

• Except for 2015 re-review, delays adoption of new code versions for 54 months after publication
PA UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Act 36 of 2017: Amending the UCC RAC

- **Does NOT change** “vote in” provision
- **Does NOT change** requirement for 2/3 vote
- **Does NOT change** inappropriate legislative authority of RAC
Re-review of 2015 Codes
2017-18 REVIEW OF 2015 CODES

• Report due May 1, 2018
• If adopted, 2015 codes in effect October 1, 2018
• Technical Advisory Committees not required
• 30 day Public Comment Period

• Allows consideration of 2012 code changes
2017-18 REVIEW OF 2015 CODES

• 12.13.17 RAC Meeting
  - Need 14 votes to consider 2012 codes
  - Review of 2015 codes begins
  - Subcommittees assigned
Importance to AIA PA
Efficiency Gains in Model Energy Code Editions
A 5% GLIDE PATH TO NET ZERO BY 2050

Modest 5% Gains Every 3 Years
ARCHITECTURE 2030
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WHERE WE REALLY ARE!

TODAY  2020  2025  2030

Fossil Fuel Energy Reduction  Renewable  Fossil Fuel Energy Consumption

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How you can help
2017-18 REVIEW OF 2015 CODES

• **Attend Wednesday RAC meeting**
• **Submit Public Comments in Support**
Thank you.

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