

**Illinois Accessibility Task Force**  
**August 12, 2010 - 1:30 p.m. – CDB’s Chicago Office**  
**with Video Conferencing from CDB’s Springfield Office**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Task Force Members in Attendance**

**Senator Pamela Althoff**, Chairperson (representing the Minority Leader of the Senate)  
**Douglas Gamble** (representing the IL Capital Development Board)  
**Vickie Simpson** (representing the Illinois Attorney General)  
**Robert Sondgeroth** (representing the IL Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools)  
**Debbie Davis** (representing the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities)

**Task Force Members not in Attendance**

**Rep. Keith Farnham** (representing the Speaker of the IL House of Representatives)  
**Senator Michael Noland** (representing the Senate President)  
**Rep. Tim Schmitz** (representing the IL House of Representatives)  
**Vacant** (representing the IL Association of School Boards)

**Guests in Attendance**

Doug Anderson, LCM Architects  
Christine Scully, LCM Architects  
Shirley Anderson, AIA Illinois & ICC  
Susan Weitekamp, ISBE  
Ann Ford, IL Network of Centers for Independent Living  
Jim Aubin, Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Tom Lee, Office of the State Fire Marshal

Senator Althoff called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Senator Althoff stated the first item on the agenda was discussion of vertical access by a representative of the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Aubin stated the original Act was enacted in 2003 and revised in July 2009. New requirements need to be incorporated by 2015. Senator Althoff inquired as to why the original date was pushed back from 2013 to 2015. Mr. Aubin stated he believes it is due to cost. He also stated the Office of the State Fire Marshal sent letters out to all municipalities making them aware of the date change. This should help them budget accordingly. Ms. Weitekamp stated the standards that apply to schools are the IBC Standards 2009. They cannot apply retroactive requirements of the OSFM. She also stated the statutory authority of the OSFM does not apply to public schools, excluding the Chicago Public Schools. Mr. Lee stated that is correct. Mr. Aubin believes the new rules are in JCAR right now and have not been approved. He does not know when they will be approved.

Ms. Simpson asked if the rules only apply to elevators or do they apply to platform lifts and LU/LAs as well. Mr. Aubin stated that special purpose elevators and platform lifts are not included. LU/LAs are covered and platform lifts are not included unless they are being used for people. If they are only being used to move materials, they would not be included.

Mr. Gamble stated the committee has questions about lifts and elevators. What kind of distance is allowed for a platform lift rise and what are the general requirements for press boxes for public football fields? Mr.

Aubin stated the press box would fall under a general elevator requirement. All rules under the code would need to be followed. Ms. Simpson asked what the maximum vertical rise would be in that type of application. Mr. Aubin stated there is not a maximum rise; however there is a minimum rise which would be 8 feet.

Ms. Simpson asked what the approximate cost would be for a 500 square foot press box platform lift. Mr. Aubin stated he really didn't know of the pricing, but he hasn't seen anything less than \$25,000. That is for a single platform lift to a press box that is 30-40 feet in the air. Ms. Simpson asked Mr. Anderson if he has had experience with the platform lifts. He said he typically doesn't see lifts that go that high. He stated he thought LU/LAs were limited to 20-22 feet.

Mr. Gamble will contact GME Access to see if they can send a representative to the next meeting to give the Task Force information on cost.

Mr. Sondgeroth thinks the school districts could look at possibly renting lifts. A pad would be installed and the district could have a contract with a company to bring the lift to events as needed. Mr. Gamble stated the Task Force had looked at this as a temporary option, but should consider this as an option to be put in the IAC.

Senator Althoff believes the task force should contact Kane County to get construction standards and cost and also contact vendors to see what it would cost to either install a permanent structure or rent a structure.

Ms. Simpson asked if the OSFM inspects pads and Mr. Lee stated yes, they do. A third party can be contracted by the owner to inspect some pads as there is not enough staff in the OSFM's office to inspect all pads.

Mr. Gamble began discussion with #1 (Tolerances) of his comparison of the Scoping Requirements of the 2004 Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and the 1997 Illinois Accessibility Code. Mr. Gamble believes the Tolerance section from the new ADA should be incorporated into the IAC. Ms. Simpson stated that tolerances should not be subjective, however it should be stated what those tolerances (ranges) are in the IAC. This would help with enforcement for the Attorney General's office.

After discussion by the Task Force, it was decided the press box issue needs to be resolved. The Task Force would like to offer their report, once completed, for public comment and then submit it as required, as quickly as possible. In the course of this, Senator Althoff will discuss the Task Force with her colleagues and determine how it is able to proceed i.e., if it can continue on to discuss other items determined necessary to update the IAC.

Mr. Gamble will get at least two estimates for costs. Ms. Simpson will also check her files to see if she has information of specific costs.

The Task Force discussed dates for the next meeting. It was decided the next Task Force meeting will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Chicago with video conferencing available in Springfield.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.