

OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

**COMMERCIAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA TECHNICAL CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM

2401 NW 23RD STREET, SUITE 82

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73107

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 – 1:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Gill, Kyle Melson and Pamela Searcy

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hornsby, Jarrett Hughes and John Treadwell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Birdwell, Aboutanaa Elhabeti, Dan Favata, and Geary McMillon

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Adcock (OUBCC Staff), Kathy Hehnlly (OUBCC Staff), Caitlin Redding Taylor (OUBCC Staff), and Roger Roth (Tulsa Health Dept)

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Kyle Melson called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion and possible approval of November 19, 2025, technical review committee meeting minutes

MR. JOHN GILL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. JARRETT HUGHES TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 19, 2025, COMMERCIAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA TECHNICAL CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

VOTING AYE:	John Gill	Kyle Melson
	Gary Hornsby	Pamela Searcy
	Jarrett Hughes	John Treadwell

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT:	Jeff Birdwell	Aboutanaa Elhabeti
	Dan Favata	Geary McMillon

Discussion, review and possible action on Chapter 3 of the 2024 edition of the ISPSC®

11/19/2025 CSPSTC Chairman's Meeting Commentary

The committee reviewed the commentary. It was stated that since the Chairman was not present and it did not propose specific code language changes, it did not require committee action.

Discussion, review and call for any comments regarding Chapter 3

Discussion began on Section 305.2.1, "Barrier Height and Clearances," with Mr. Treadwell sharing that he would be submitting a code change proposal for the section to amend inconsistent requirements around clearances. It was clarified that proposals could be submitted during the review process and amended later if additional related sections were identified.

The committee began their review at the point they had concluded at the previous meeting, with Section 307.2 "Specific design and material requirements". They previously discussed amending the section to reference updated ACI standards and were informed that the Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Code Committee (RSPSTC) had discussed similar changes to the section. The committee discussed structural design provisions, including floor slope, wall intersections, dimensional design criteria, and exceptions for portable and on-ground storable pools.

The committee discussed clarifying the definition of elevated pools, including pools constructed over habitable or uninhabitable space within or outside the thermal envelope, and there were concerns whether elevated pools should be different from standard pool requirements. There was discussion on the origin of elevated pool standards, secondary containment concepts, and prior structural failures in other jurisdictions. The committee agreed to review the referenced standards before considering amendments.

The committee discussed the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB) requirements and noted differences in how residential and commercial pools addressed entrapment avoidance, including retroactive requirements for commercial pools implemented in 2008. The committee acknowledged that Chapter 3 applied to both residential and commercial pools and emphasized the need to ensure that amendments addressing one did not create unintended impacts on the other.

Discussing Section 302.7 "Tests," concerns were raised about air testing and the importance of consistency with manufacturer installation instructions. It was stated that PVC manufacturers prohibit air pressure testing, and that the code language as written created practical enforcement concerns. Roger Roth from the Tulsa Health Department shared that he intended to submit a code change proposal form for an amendment.

The committee discussed Section 314.4 "Location" regarding equipment access, including the commonly enforced 18-inch clearance, and it was noted that this clearance is not explicitly stated in the code text. It was noted that a code change proposal would be submitted to for the section. The committee reviewed flow velocity, fittings, gauges, testing requirements, equipment anchorage, skimmers, equalizer lines, return inlets, spacing requirements, and exceptions when compliant safety covers were installed. Clarification was provided that certain gauge requirements applied specifically to public pools.

The committee reviewed return inlets and suction fittings, including spacing requirements, hazard prevention language, and applicability of VGB standards to both commercial and residential pools. The committee discussed equalizer lines associated with skimmers, noting that equalizer lines serve an important functional purpose and were typically protected with VGB compliant covers. Concern was expressed that Section 316.5 prohibited equalizer lines without clearly recognizing installations where VGB compliant covers mitigate entrapment risks. The committee discussed developing an exception to allow equalizer lines when protected by compliant covers.

The committee reviewed Section 317 “Heaters” and subsections within, which reference the International Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Energy Conservation Code, Electrical Code, and Residential Code. There was discussion whether references to the Energy Conservation Code should remain, with consideration to potential cost impacts and the distinction between statewide minimum standards and locally adopted requirements. It was noted that energy codes would fall under separate review from a different committee but could be addressed through future amendments if necessary. Mr. Hornsby shared that he will submit a code change proposal form for the section after discussing it with the Health Department’s legal staff. There was discussion about the limited adoption of Chapter 1 and it was shared that OUBCC sets the statewide minimum standard while allowing jurisdictions flexibility consistent with state law. The importance of minimum life safety standards, accountability, and consistency across jurisdictions was emphasized.

Discussion and possible approval of Chapter 3

Approval of the chapter was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: (3:28 P.M.)

MS. PAMELA SEARCY MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. GARY HORNSBY TO ADJOURN

VOTING AYE:	John Gill Gary Hornsby Jarrett Hughes Kyle Melson	Pamela Searcy John Treadwell
VOTING NAY:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Jeff Birdwell Dan Favata	Aboutanaa Elhabti Geary McMillon

Minutes approved in the regular meeting on the 21ST day of January, 2026.

JEFF BIRDWELL

Jeff Birdwell, Chairman

Commercial Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Code

Review Committee

PREPARED BY: CAITLIN REDDING TAYLOR

Caitlin Redding Taylor, Commercial Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Code Review Committee
Secretary

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