

OKLAHOMA UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

COMMERCIAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA TECHNICAL CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

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UNIFORM BUILDING CODE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM

2401 NW 23RD STREET, SUITE 82

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73107

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026 – 1:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Birdwell, Dan Favata, John Gill, Geary McMillon, Kyle Melson and Pamela Searcy

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Hornsby and John Treadwell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Aboutanaa Elhabti

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jarrett Hughes

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Adcock (OUBCC Staff), Kathy Hehnly (OUBCC Staff), Caitlin Redding Taylor (OUBCC Staff), and David DeGeus (Oklahoma City County Health Department)

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Discussion and possible approval of February 18, 2026, technical review committee meeting minutes

The committee discussed current progress and acknowledged that review of Chapter 3 had been slower than anticipated due to a detailed line by line approach. The committee discussed extending the meeting duration from 2 hours to 3 hours.

MR. KYLE MELSON MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. JOHN GILL TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 18, 2026, COMMERCIAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA TECHNICAL CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

Discussion, review and possible action on Chapter 2 of the 2024 edition of the ISPSC®

The committee was advised that code change proposals developed by the Residential Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Code committee are being shared for review to help avoid conflicting language in different parts of the code, promote consistency and improve clarity. It was shared that each committee will review and can vote independently on the proposals, which will then be presented to the Commission for review and approval.

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form RSPSTC-1 defining “Pool/Spa Surface”

The committee began review of the proposal adding a definition for Pool/Spa Surface. The committee expressed concern that the term waterproof barrier was not accurate for common materials such as plaster and grout, which are not fully waterproof. It was discussed that the definition could create confusion and did not clearly align with industry practice. It was also noted that the definition may not be necessary and could introduce inconsistency when compared with other proposed definitions. The committee determined that additional clarification was needed before taking action and tabled the proposal.

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form RSPSTC-11 modifying the definition of “Public Swimming Pool”

The committee reviewed the proposal modifying the definition of Public Swimming Pool to expand the definition of Class C semi-public pool to include pools operated by a homeowners association (HOA). The committee discussed that this addition provided clarity and aligned with existing interpretations used in practice. It was noted that this definition could assist code officials in consistently classifying HOA pools. The committee expressed general support for the modification.

MR. JEFF BIRDWELL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. KYLE MELSON TO APPROVE THE DEFINITION AS PRESENTED

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form RSPSTC-2 modifying the definition of “Repair”

The committee reviewed the proposal modifying the definition of Repair to explicitly include resurfacing. The proposed language expanded repair to include resurfacing as part of reconstruction or renewal for maintenance or correction of damage. It was discussed that the existing definition of repair was intentionally broad and already encompassed resurfacing without the need for additional language. It was determined that adding specific examples such

as resurfacing would unnecessarily expand the definition and could lead to confusion or an overly detailed list of included activities. The committee concluded that the existing definition was sufficient and that the proposed change was not needed.

MR. JEFF BIRDWELL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. DAN FAVATA TO DENY RSPSTC-2

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form RSPSTC-12 modifying the definition of “Residential Swimming Pool”

The committee reviewed the proposal modifying the definition of Residential Swimming Pool to exclude pools used for revenue generation through pool sharing. The proposal sought to classify such pools as public pools due to increased usage, turnover, and potential safety risks. The committee discussed that the proposed language introduced ambiguity, particularly regarding terms such as “revenue generation” and “public access.” Concerns were raised about enforcement, the distinction between guests and paid users, and the potential impact on builders who construct residential pools but have no control over future use by the owner. It was discussed that the responsibility for use and compliance rests with the property owner rather than the builder. The committee also discussed the broader issue of pool sharing applications and high turnover use, including sanitation concerns and lack of required facilities such as restrooms. It was recommended that it be added to Class C swimming pool classification. The committee determined that the proposal required clearer definitions but would be presented to the ad hoc committee for discussion.

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form RSPSTC-3 defining “Resurfacing”

The committee reviewed the proposal adding a definition for Resurfacing, described as replastering, retiling, or recoating an existing pool or spa surface. The committee discussed that resurfacing activities were already encompassed within the existing definition of repair and that adding a separate definition would create redundancy. It was also noted that the proposed definition conflicted with the earlier proposed definition of Pool/Spa Surface, particularly regarding the concept of a waterproof barrier. The committee determined that the additional definition would not improve clarity and could introduce inconsistencies within the code.

The committee acknowledged that multiple proposals within Chapter 2 definitions were interrelated and created conflicts when considered together, particularly regarding surface, resurfacing, and repair terminology. It was determined that clarification from the submitter would be helpful. The committee emphasized the need to resolve conflicts between definitions and to ensure that any new language aligns with industry practices and enforceability.

Call for any further comments regarding Chapter 2

There was no further discussion on the chapter.

Approval of Chapter 2

Approval of the chapter was tabled.

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

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form RSPSTC-5 amending Section 325.1
“General”

The committee reviewed the proposal which sought to expand applicability to include residential pools and spas that utilize equipment, in addition to public pools and aquatic recreation facilities. The committee discussed that many residential installations include equipment rooms with ventilation, chemical storage, and mechanical systems similar to public pools, and that excluding residential installations could create safety gaps. It was agreed that applying these requirements to residential pools utilizing equipment would improve consistency and safety.

MR. JOHN GILL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. DAN FAVATA TO APPROVE RSPSTC-5

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

Discussion and possible action on code change proposal form CSPSTC-7 amending Section 325.10
“Gaseous chlorination space”

The committee discussed the proposal which removed the word “substantial” from the phrase “substantial alteration”, resulting in the prohibition applying to all alterations rather than only substantial ones. The committee discussed that the term substantial was ambiguous and could lead to inconsistent interpretation and enforcement. It was noted that gaseous chlorine systems were rare in current practice and presented significant life safety risks. Removing the qualifier would simplify enforcement and ensure that any alteration would trigger compliance with the prohibition.

MR. DAN FAVATA MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. JEFF BIRDWELL TO APPROVE CSPSTC-7

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

Discussion and review of residential code changes RSPSTC-4 adding on Section 311.2 "Existing Residential Pools and Spas Alterations and Repairs", RSPSTC-6 amending Section 303.1.2 "Time switches", RSPSTC-7 amending Section 303.1.3 "Covers", RSPSTC-8 amending Section 306.2 "Slip resistant", RSPSTC-13 amending Section 307.2.2 "Reservoirs and shells" and RSPSTC-15 adding Sections 307.2.6 "Protection of structures," 307.2.6.1 "Walls and footings," 307.2.6.2 "Retaining walls," and 307.2.6.2.1 "Two Pools"

The committee reviewed code change proposal RSPSTC-4 on Section 311.2 "Existing Residential Pools and Spas Alterations and Repairs," addressing existing residential pools and spas requiring that alterations or repairs to existing residential pools and spas bring those systems into compliance with Section 311.1 regarding suction entrapment avoidance. The committee discussed the life safety benefits of requiring compliance with entrapment protection standards and acknowledged that many existing pools did not meet current requirements. Concerns were raised regarding the scope of the requirement, particularly whether minor repairs such as pump or motor replacement would trigger full compliance upgrades. The committee discussed cost impacts to homeowners, including potential requirements to modify main drains or eliminate equalizer lines. It was noted that broad application could discourage permitted repairs and lead to noncompliant work. Discussion included whether the requirement should apply only to work involving suction systems rather than all repairs. The proposal was tabled for further refinement and clarification.

The committee reviewed code change proposal RSPSTC-6 on Section 303.1.2 "Time switches." The proposal added an exception stating that time switches would not be required on residential pools. The committee discussed that residential pumps and heaters typically included built in scheduling controls, making additional external time switches unnecessary. It was agreed that requiring additional devices would not provide significant benefit and would increase cost without improving performance.

MR. JEFF BIRDWELL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. DAN FAVATA TO APPROVE RSPSTC-6

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

The committee reviewed code change proposal RSPSTC-7 amending Section 303.1.3 "Covers." related to requirements for time switches and automatic controls for circulation and heating equipment. It was noted that the intent was consistent with prior discussion regarding unnecessary duplication of controls, and would align with residential exceptions.

MR. DAN FAVATA MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. JOHN GILL TO ACCEPT RSPSTC-7

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

The committee reviewed code change proposal RSPSTC-8 which proposed modifying Section 306.2 related to slip resistant surfaces for decks, ramps, coping, and similar walking surfaces. The proposal sought to add an exception stating that these requirements would not apply to residential pools. The committee discussed that slip resistance was a critical safety requirement and should not be removed for residential applications. It was emphasized that proper slip resistance was necessary to prevent injuries and that contractors should be responsible for ensuring compliant materials were used.

MR. DAN FAVATA MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. JOHN GILL TO REJECT RSPSTC-8

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

The committee reviewed code change proposal RSPSTC-13 on Section 307.2.2 “Reservoirs and shells” related to structural design standards for pool shells. The proposal sought to remove an existing exception allowing reduced compressive strength for certain designs when prepared by a registered design professional. The committee noted that this item had been previously reviewed and that the exception had already been removed in prior action. No additional motion was made, and the committee proceeded without further action on this item.

The committee reviewed code change proposal RSPSTC-15 which included a proposed addition to Section 307.2.6 “Protection of structures”. The proposed language required that residential pools be designed and constructed so as not to compromise adjacent structures, including protection of footings and retaining walls. There was discussion that similar requirements already exist within building codes but may not be consistently applied to pool construction. It was noted that incorporating this requirement into the pool code would improve enforcement and awareness among pool builders. Discussion included reference to retaining wall requirements, including thresholds of 4 ft measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall and requiring an engineered design. The committee discussed consistency with building code provisions and agreed that including such requirements would enhance protection of adjacent structures.

MR. DAN FAVATA MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. KYLE MELSON TO ACCEPT RSPSTC-15

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

Call for any further comments regarding Chapter 3

The committee confirmed that no additional comments remained on Chapter 3 proposals and that all relevant Sections had been reviewed. The committee acknowledged that prior discussions and actions had addressed modifications, rejections, and tabled items as appropriate.

Approval of Chapter 3

MR. JEFF BIRDWELL MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND FROM MR. KYLE MELSON TO ACCEPT CHAPTER 3 AS AMENDED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: (3:35 P.M.)

MR. KYLE MELSON MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY MR. DAN FAVATA TO ADJOURN

VOTING AYE:	Jeff Birdwell	Geary McMillon
	Dan Favata	Kyle Melson
	John Gill	Pamela Searcy
	Gary Hornsby	

VOTING NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Aboutanaa Elhabti

Minutes approved in the regular meeting on the 20 day of May, 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
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