



Past President, International Code Council Board of Directors

Cindy L. Davis, CBO

Cindy Davis, retired Deputy Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, has recently been elected to the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development.

This Board plays a crucial role in shaping the future of housing and community development within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board is responsible for the development and implementation of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the Statewide Fire Prevention Code, and other regulations that ensure safe and resilient buildings and communities.

It also oversees policies related to housing, community development and economic growth, providing guidance and governance that align with Virginia's long-term strategic goals.

Prior to accepting the position of Deputy Director of the Division of Building and Fire Regulations at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in 2015, Davis, served under her mentor, Emory R. Rodgers, as the Director of the State Building Codes Office, responsible for the code development and technical side of the program areas. She accepted that position in 2012 after moving from western Pennsylvania where she had been a Building Official for two jurisdictions.

Davis was instrumental in positioning Virginia as a national leader in building code development and enforcement. Throughout her career, she has been a passionate advocate for modernizing building codes to reflect evolving safety standards, technological advancements, and environmental sustainability.

Davis has also played a significant role in the International Code Council, serving in several roles – including President – on the Board of Directors. Her leadership extended to various committees and councils, where she influenced the development of globally adopted model codes. Her contributions have been widely recognized for enhancing the safety, resilience, and sustainability of buildings and communities.

In addition to serving the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Code Council, Davis also served two, three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the National Institute for Building Science (NIBS) and served two terms on the Board of directors of Viridiant (formerly Earthcraft VA) supporting efforts to achieve energy efficiency affordably.

As a lifelong learner, Davis holds 17 Code Council certifications and has completed various programs at Virginia Commonwealth University, including the Minority Political Leadership Institute, the Virginia Executive Institute, and the Virginia Government Leadership Institute. She attended Butler County Community College Civil Engineering Technology Program and Colorado State University Organizational Leadership Program.

Davis is grateful for the many opportunities she has had to serve the building safety profession and is passionate about providing strong customer support to the building departments, code officials, and technical assistants throughout the industry.