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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S KEY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Browdy welcomed the Commission, DBPR staff and the public to St. Augustine and the June 20, 2014 plenary session of the Florida Building Commission. The Chair noted the primary focus of the April meeting, in addition to considering regular procedural issues including product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, petitions for declaratory statements, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees, was for the purpose of conducting scheduled rule initiatives, and to review and approve the Commission's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Report (Report to 2015 Legislature).

The Chair noted that there were buff colored "*Public Comment Forms*" on the speakers' table to be used for providing written comments, and all written comments would be included in the Facilitator's Summary Report.

The Chair explained that if one wished to address the Commission on any of the issues before the Commission they should sign-in on the appropriate sheet(s), and as always, the Commission will provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission's substantive discussion topics. The Chair explained that if one wants to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, they should come to the speaker's table at the appropriate time so the Commission knows they wish to speak. The Chair noted that public input is welcome, but should be offered before there is a formal motion on the floor.

Chairman Browdy explained that some of the licensing boards located within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, have adopted rules regarding continuing education credits for attending Florida Building Commission meetings and/or Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Participants whose board participates may sign-in on the laptop kiosk station located in the meeting room.

I. PLENARY SESSION SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

At the June 20, 2014 meeting the Commission considered and decided on Chair's issues and recommendations, product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, petitions for declaratory statements, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees. The Commission received briefings on adoption of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code (2014); a review of options regarding meeting dates and locations; an update on adoption of rules; and an update on legislative activities from the 2014 Legislative Session. Specific actions included: approving revisions to Rule 61G20-3.015, Equivalence of Standards, Product Approval, by incorporating by reference the changes in the *5th Edition Revised Florida High Wind Concrete and Clay Tile Installation Manual*; responding to JAPC's request for advise regarding Monroe County's implementation of permit extensions pursuant to s. 11, Chapter 2013-213, Laws of Florida, by voting to respond that the Florida Building Code is adopted by administrative rule and is not a statute, and agreeing generally that statutes take precedence over rules and ordinances; approving a recommendation to the Legislature that unless a stakeholder group proposes statutory changes to resolve BOAF's concerns, that the Commission's authority to issue binding interpretations be repealed; and adopting the Commission's Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Annual Report with the inclusion of relevant Commission actions taken during the June meeting, and charging the Chair with reviewing and approving the final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor.

(Attachment 1—Meeting Evaluation Results)

II. COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners attended the Thursday, April 17, 2014 meeting:

Dick Browdy (Chair), Steve Bassett, James Batts, Bob Boyer, Donald Brown, Oscar Calleja, David Compton, Jay Carlson, Nan Dean, Kevin Flanagan, Charles Frank, David Gilson, Jeff Gross, Brian Langille, Beth Meyer, Darrell Phillips, Brad Schiffer, Frederick Schilling, Jim Schock, Drew Smith, Jeff Stone, Brian Swope, and Tim Tolbert.

(23 of 25 seated Commissioners attended).

Absent Commissioners:

Hamid Bahadori, and Robert Hamberger.

DBPR STAFF PRESENT

Norman Bellamy, Chris Burgwald, Jim Hammers, April Hammonds, Mo Madani, and Jim Richmond.

MEETING FACILITATION

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from the FCRC Consensus Center at Florida State University. Information at: <http://consensus.fsu.edu/>



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PROJECT WEBPAGE

Information on the Florida Building Commission project, including agenda packets, meeting reports, and related documents may be found at the Commission Webpage. Located at the following URL: <http://floridabuilding.org/c/default.aspx>

III. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda for the June 20, 2014 meeting as presented/posted. Following are the key agenda items approved for consideration:

- To Consider Regular Procedural Issues: Agenda Approval and Approval of the April 17, 2014 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes; and March 24, April 28, and May 12, 2014 Teleconference Meeting Minutes.
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval.
- To Consider/Decide on Legal Issues: Petitions for Declaratory Statements.
- To Receive an Update on the Adoption of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code.
- To Conduct a Hearing to Consider Proposed Changes to Rule 61G20-3.015.
- To Review and Discuss Correspondence from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee Concerning Permit Extensions in the Florida Keys.
- To Discuss Meeting Dates, Days and Locations.
- To Receive an Update of Legislative Activity Relating to the Commission and the Code.
- To Receive an Update on the Adoption of Rules.
- To Review and Approve the Commission's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Report (Report to 2015 Legislature).
- To Consider/Decide on Technical Advisory Committees (TACs): Code Administration; Electrical; Fire; Special Occupancy; and Structural TAC Report/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Program Oversight Committees (POCs): Education and Product Approval POC Reports/Recommendations.
- To Receive Public Comment.
- To Discuss Commissioner Comments and Issues.
- To Review Committee Assignments and Issues for the Next Meeting—August 22, 2014 in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

Amendments to the Posted Agenda:

There were no amendments to the posted/presented Agenda.

(Attachment 4—June 20, 2014 Commission Agenda)

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 17, 2014 FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY REPORT AND MEETING MINUTES, AND MARCH 24, APRIL 28 AND MAY 12, 2014 TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the April 17, 2014 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, and March 24, April 28, and May 12, 2014 Teleconference Meeting Minutes as presented/posted.

Amendments: There were no amendments offered.

V. CHAIR'S DISCUSSION ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TAC and POC Appointments

Chairman Browdy made the following committee appointments for June 2014:

Jay Carlson was appointed as chair of the Code Administration TAC to fill Herminio Gonzalez's position.

David Gilson was appointed to the Code Administration TAC to fill a vacant position.

Robert Hamberger was appointed to the Product Approval POC to fill a vacant position.

Resolution of Appreciation for Herminio Gonzalez

Chairman Browdy requested that the Commission approve a resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Gonzalez's twelve years of service to the citizens of Florida. The Chair noted that the resolution would be drafted and presented at the August meeting.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to adopt a resolution of appreciation for Commissioner Herminio Gonzalez.

Condolences and Moment of Silence for Jack Glenn

The Chair noted that many of the meeting participants have likely heard that on the morning of June 9th, the Commission lost a dear friend and advocate when Jack Glenn passed away unexpectedly. Jack was the former Building Official and Fire Marshall of the City of Melbourne in Brevard County. He retired in 1998 and relocated to Tallahassee accepting the position of Director of Technical Services for the Florida Homebuilders Association. Jack was an integral part of the evolution of the Florida Building Code, and for over 16 years he enthusiastically participated in the code development process. The Chair recollected that most of the time Jack would introduce himself as a representative of the Florida Homebuilders Association and at other times he would make his comments "representing himself." Jack was an outstanding instructor in code education and a strong advocate for our consensus-building processes. The Chair concluded stating that Jack was a colleague and a friend. His contributions to the Commission's efforts and his overwhelming presence will be sorely missed. The Chair noted that he has sent a message of condolence on the Commission's behalf to the members of Jack's family.

Research Projects Update

Chairman Browdy reported that the TAC's will meet during the week of June 23rd to accept the final reports for the research projects funded by the Commission. There will be TAC recommendations for the Commission's consideration at the August Commission meeting. The Chair noted that an e-

mail was sent to interested parties on June 13, 2013 with the meeting dates and times for the relevant TACs. The dates of the TAC meetings are as follows:

June 24, 2014: Accessibility TAC (9:00 AM) and Structural TAC (1:00 PM);

June 25, 2014: Mechanical TAC (2:30 PM);

June 26, 2014: Swimming Pool TAC (10:00 AM) and Energy TAC (1:00 PM); and,

June 27, 2014: Roofing TAC (9:00 AM) and Fire TAC (1:30 PM).

Travel Reimbursement Documentation

The Chair reported that June 30, 2014 is the end of the fiscal year and requested that Jim Richmond review with the Commission the schedule for getting travel documentation to DBPR for June's travel reimbursement. Jim noted that Commissioner should get their documentation to DBPR as soon as possible but no later than Friday, June 27, 2014. Jim noted that if documentation is received after this date that travel payments would likely be delayed until September or October.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF ACCESSIBILITY WAIVER APPLICATIONS

April Hammonds, Accessibility Advisory Council legal advisor, presented the Accessibility Advisory Council's recommendations for all applications, and the Commission reviewed and decided on the Waiver applications submitted for their consideration. A complete summary of accessibility waiver applications and Commission actions is included as an attachment to this Report.

Commission Actions Accessibility Waiver Applications:

a. High Reach 2 Office and Maintenance Facility, 260 Hickman Drive, Sanford

MOTION—The Commission voted, 19 - 4 in favor, to grant the waiver on the condition that the lift be installed within the office envelope.

b. Boathouse Restaurant, 49 S. W. Seminole Street, Stuart

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on technical infeasibility and disproportionate cost.

c. Madame Tussaud's, 8387 International Drive, Orlando

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver on the condition that a lift be installed.

d. Zed Holdings Warehouse, 3564 Plover Avenue, Naples

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to deny the waiver.

e. Renovations to 904 Margaret Street, 904 Margaret Street, Jacksonville

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on the historic nature of the building and technical infeasibility.

f. Kappa Delta Sorority, 555 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to deny the waiver.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PRODUCT AND ENTITY APPROVAL

Commissioner Stone presented the Product Approval Oversight Committee's recommendations for entities and product approvals on the consent agenda for approval, and Jeff Blair presented the recommendations for product approvals with comments and/or discussion.

Commission Actions on the Consent Agendas for Approval:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of product approval entities as posted/presented.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of products recommended for approval as revised to include FL #16896 R1 and FL #16897 R1.

Commission Actions Regarding Product Approval Applications With Comments:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to approve product # 1850 R9.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to defer action on product # 14429 R4.

MOTION—The Commission voted, 21 – 2 in favor, to conditionally approve product # 14969 R1 based on the condition listed in DBPR staff's recommendation, and submitting documentation that the test complies with the required testing protocols.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to approve product # 15044 R1.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product # 16979 based on the conditions listed in DBPR staff's recommendation.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product # 16996 based on the conditions listed in DBPR staff's recommendation.

The complete results of Commission decisions regarding applications for product and entity approval are available on the BCIS.

(See BCIS Website for Linked Committee Report)

VIII. CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR ACCREDITOR AND COURSE APPROVAL

Commissioner Dean presented the applications, and the Commission reviewed and decided on the accreditor and course applications submitted for their consideration as follows:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to approve advanced course #647.0.

(See Committee's Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

IX. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENTS

Legal Report

Petitions For Declaratory Statements

April Hammonds, Commission Legal Counsel, presented each declaratory statement in turn. Following are the actions taken by the Commission pertaining to petitions for declaratory statements.

DS2014-042 by Barry A. Schneer

Motion—The Commission voted 23 - 0 in favor, to deny the petition based on the Code Administration TAC's and DBPR staff's recommendation that the Commission has no authority to address issues with regard to unsafe structures.

DS-2014-043 by Donald L. Fuchs of the City of Oviedo

Motion—The Commission voted unanimously, 23-0 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's, Electrical TAC's and Fire TAC's' recommendation on the petition.

DS2014-052 by Rich Clark of CLP Systems

Motion—The Commission voted 13 -10 in favor, to defer* action on the petition by referring the petition to the Product Approval POC for a recommendation.

* *The Petitioner agreed to waive the 90 day response requirement.*

DS2014-057 by David G. Karins, Karins Engineering Group, Inc.

The Petition was withdrawn by the Petitioner.

DS2014-061 by Chester Darby

Motion—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's and Structural TAC's recommendations regarding question # 1, on the petition.

Motion—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's and Structural TAC's recommendations regarding question # 2, on the petition.

Motion—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's and Structural TAC's recommendations regarding question # 3, on the petition.

Motion—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's and Structural TAC's recommendations regarding question # 4, on the petition.

Motion—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's and Structural TAC's recommendations regarding question # 5, on the petition.

(Included as Attachment 6—Legal Report)

X. UPDATE ON THE ADOPTION OF 5TH EDITION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE

Chairman Browdy noted that at the April 2014 meeting the Commission was reminded that the Commission voted at the August 2013 meeting to make the effective date of the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)* midnight December 31, 2014. The selection of this date was to meet the statutory requirement to coordinate with the adoption of the updated version of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, which was being developed with an effective date of midnight December 31, 2014. The Commission is also statutorily required to have the Florida Building Code published for 6 months

after publication before it becomes effective. As a result the effective date of the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)* is dependent on when the *Florida Fire Prevention Code 2013* is published.

Commissioner Frank reported that rule development workshops and rule adoption hearings have been conducted at several locations around the State, and the Division of State Fire Marshal expects the *Florida Fire Prevention Code 2013* rule to be completed by the end of August and the *Florida Fire Prevention Code 2013* to become effective as scheduled.

Chairman Browdy responded that based on this report (DSFM completing rule adoption by the end of August) the Commission would not be able to schedule a rule adoption hearing for the *5th Edition Florida Building Code (2014)* until the October meeting, and will need to adjust the effective date based on a realistic assessment of when the rule adoption process can be completed. If the rule adoption hearing occurs in October then the earliest effective date for the Florida Building Code would be March 1, 2015, and possibly later depending on final adoption of the Code and the need to comply with the six month publication requirement prior to the effective date. The Chair recommended that the Commission wait until the August 2014 meeting to take formal action on changing the effective date for the *5th Edition Florida Building Code (2014)* so the Commission has a clearer idea of a realistic effective date based on the adoption of the *Florida Fire Prevention Code 2013* as well as whether the Commission will be able to conduct a rule adoption hearing on the Code at the October 2014 meeting.

XI. RULE HEARING, 61G20-3.015, EQUIVALENCE OF STANDARDS AS NOTICED IN VOL. 40/99, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER

Chairman Browdy reported that at the December 13, 2013 meeting the Commission amended Rule 61G20.3015, Equivalence of Standards, to recognize that FRSA/TRI 07320-5 is recognized as equivalent to FRSA/TRI Fifth Edition for determining Code compliance, and ANSI/DASMA 108-2012 is recognized as equivalent to ANSI/DASMA 108-2005 for determining Code compliance. DBPR has received comments from JAPC on the proposed rule regarding incorporating the relevant reference documents into the Rule, and correcting the title of the FRSA/TRI Fifth Edition in the Rule to correlate with the reference document's title.

The Hearing was opened and members of the public were offered an opportunity for public comment. Mark Zehnal, FRSA, requested that the Commission revise the draft rule to adopt the text of the 5th Edition Revised, Florida High Wind Concrete and Clay Tile Installation Manual (FRSA/TRI Manual). It was noted that adopting the revised 5th Edition would also correct the title issues identified by JAPC and would correct Table 1A values to meet the requirements of ASCE 7-10.

Following questions and answers, public comment and discussion, the Commission took the following action:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 - 0 in favor, to incorporate into Rule 61G20-3.015, Equivalence of Standards, Product Approval, the 5th Edition Revised, Florida High Wind Concrete and Clay Tile Installation Manual inclusive of the revised Table 1A.

XII. JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE: PERMIT EXTENSIONS IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

Chairman Browdy reported that the Commission received a letter from JAPC indicating that they have questions/concerns regarding Monroe County's adoption of guidelines for implementation of permit extension provisions pursuant to s. 11, Chapter 2013-213, Laws of Florida. JAPC indicates that due to sewer system construction and the requirement to meet new water quality standards the legislation provided that starting July 1, 2013 for permits with an expiration date of January 1, 2012 – January 1, 2016, the permit is extended for a period of 3 years after its previously scheduled expiration date. JAPC asserts: "the plan language of the law provides for an immediate three-year extension of the expiration date of the permit". JAPC questions Monroe County's implementation of the provisions as inconsistent with the Law. Monroe County indicates that they believe their implementation of the process is not inconsistent with the Law and that they must also comply with the Florida Building Code section 553.73, F.S. They assert they must comply with the permit extension and the Code, specifically Section 105.4.1.1. This section of the Code provides that: "If work has commenced and the permit is revoked, becomes null or void, or expires because of lack of progress or abandonment, a new permit covering the proposed permit shall be obtained before proceeding with the work". Further, "Work shall be considered to be in active progress when the permit has received an approved inspection within 180 days". Monroe County asserts that, "nothing in the new extension is intended to pre-empt or contravene existing Building Code and permit requirements".

The Chair noted that JAPC is requesting that the Commission review the documentation and advise the Committee whether the Monroe County's "interpretation of the provisions of s. 11, Chapter 2013-213, Laws of Florida, is consistent with that of the Florida Building Commission and, if not, to advise the Committee of the Commission's understanding of the applicability of the law and how it intends to reconcile any differences of opinion".

The Chair invited members of the public to speak and Kurt Kaiser, an impacted property owner, provided the Commission with background information and requested that the Commission provide at a minimum a response to JAPC that the Commission agrees that statutes take precedence over rules and ordinances, and that the Florida Building Code is a rule and not a statute.

Following questions and answers, public comment and discussion, the Commission took the following action:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22* - 0 in favor, to charge the Chair with signing a letter prepared by DBPR staff responding to JAPC that the Commission agrees that statutes take precedence over rules and ordinances, and the Florida Building Code (Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C.) is adopted by administrative rule and is not a statute.

**Commissioner Dean abstained stating she has a conflict as a property owner in Monroe County.*

XIII. COMMISSION MEETING DATES/DAYS AND LOCATIONS

The Chair noted that in order to make meeting dates, days and locations the most efficient possible, staff would like to explore the Commission's flexibility regarding various possible options for meeting dates, days, and locations. Jim Richmond reported that with the size of the Commission and the need to have fully accessible hotels it is difficult to find reasonably priced meeting space. Jim noted that moving the days of the week or possibly correlating meetings with DBPR board meetings might help. Jim stated that he would send Commissioners an e-mail requesting their availability to meet on a variety of dates. Jim concluded by indicating that he would present option(s) to the Commission at the August meeting based on Commissioner responses.

XIV. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Jim Richmond reported that HB 7147 was signed into law and implemented the various legislative actions reviewed with the Commission at previous meetings. Jim reported that funding for the Future Builders of America was approved, but not funding for a proposed mobile building code training program. Jim indicated that all of the recently appointed and reappointed Commissioners were confirmed by the Senate during the 2014 Legislative Session.

XV. UPDATE ON RULES

April Hammonds, FBC Legal Counsel, updated the Commission regarding Commission rules in development as follows:

- Rule 61G20-4.001, F.A.C, Procedures (for accessibility waiver applications) has been noticed for development in order to change to an electronic accessibility waiver application form from the current paper format.
- Rule 61G20-6.002 F.A.C., Commission Approval and Accreditation of Advanced Building Code Training Courses (Education Rule), will be receiving another JAPC letter that will be addressed at the August Education POC meeting and August Commission meeting.

XVI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION'S FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Browdy explained that the Commission received a Summary of Issues and Recommendations for Inclusion in the Annual Report at the April meeting. At the June meeting the Commission will consider approving the Draft Commission 2013-2014 Annual Report, and the plan as always, with the Commission's support and approval, is for the Chair to review and approve the final draft of the Annual Report, ensure completeness and accuracy, and approve the Report for submittal to the Legislature and Governor.

Jeff Blair reviewed the Report with Commissioners and Jim Richmond reviewed the one proposed Commission legislative recommendation, and following questions and answers, and an opportunity for public comment and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following action:

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, that the Commission recommends to the Florida Legislature that unless a stakeholder group proposes statutory changes to resolve BOAF’s concerns, that the Commission’s authority to issue binding interpretations be repealed.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to adopt the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Annual Report, including relevant Commission actions taken during the June 2014 meeting, and to charge the Chair with reviewing and approving the Final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor.

The Executive Summary and Recommendations for the Annual Report are included as *Attachment 6* of this Report.

(Included as Attachment 6—Executive Summary and Recommendations for Commission’s Annual Report)

XVII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Browdy requested TAC and POC chairs to confine their reports to a brief summary of any key recommendations, emphasizing any issues requiring an action from the Commission. The Chair requested if the TAC/POC requires Commission action, to frame the needed action in the form of a proposed motion. This will ensure that the Commission understands exactly what the TAC/POC’s are recommending, and the subsequent action requested of the Commission. The Chair explained that the complete reports/minutes would be linked to the committees’ subsequent agendas for approval by the respective committees. Committee reports are available at the following URL (linked to Commission’s June 20, 2014 Agenda):

http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/commission/FBC_0614/index.htm

Code Administration TAC

Mo Madani presented the TAC’s report and any recommendations.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to accept the Code Administration TAC’s report as presented/posted (June 5, 2014).

(See Committee’s Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Education POC

Commissioner Dean presented the POC’s reports and any recommendations.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC’s report as presented/posted (June 12, 2014).

(See Committee’s Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Electrical TAC

Commissioner Flanagan presented the TAC's report and any recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC's report as presented/posted (June 5, 2014).

(See Committee's Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Fire TAC

Mo Madani presented the TAC's report and any recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC's report as presented/posted (June 4, 2014).

(See Committee's Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Special Occupancy TAC

Commissioner Phillips presented the TAC's report and any recommendations.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC's report as presented/posted (June 6, 2014).

(See Committee's Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Structural TAC

Commissioner Schock presented the TAC's report and any recommendations.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC's report as presented/posted (June 6, 2014).

(See Committee's Next Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

OTHER COMMISSION ACTIONS

There were no additional Commission actions.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Mo Madani introduced new staff person Robert Bellamy to the Commission. Mo noted that Robert was hired to replace Ann Stanton as the Energy Code staff person.

XVIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were offered an opportunity to provide comment during each of the Commission's substantive discussion agenda items. In addition, Chairman Browdy invited members of the public to address the Commission on any issues under the Commission's purview.

Public Comments:

- Mark Deegan, International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI): presented the Commission with a resolution from IAEI in support of the Commission adopting the most current edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC).
- Bryan Holland, NEMA: expressed support for IAEI regarding the Commission adopting the most current edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC).
- Kevin Flanagan: responded that the Electrical TAC supports the inclusion of the 2014 NEC in the FBC 2014.
- Dwight Wilkes: agreed the Commission should adopt the most current edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC).
- Mark Zehnal, FRSA: thanked the Commission for their support in including the 5th Edition Revised, Florida High Wind Concrete and Clay Tile Installation Manual into the Product Approval Rule.
- Dwight Wilkes: commented specific engineering is required for product approval when it is required and not required when it is not required.

XIX. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENT AND ISSUES

Chairman Browdy invited Commission members to offer any general comments to the Commission, or identify any issues or agenda items for the next Commission meeting.

Commission Member Comments:

- Brian Swope: suggested that the NEC could be adopted as a Glitch Amendment.
- Steve Bassett: noted he will not be able to attend the August 2014 Commission meeting.
- Oscar Calleja: suggested that if the Commission would consider moving the Code adoption process back by one year then the adoption process of the FBC would be staggered with the FFPC process. This would mean the FFPC would be adopted before the Commission was ready to adopt the FBC and there would be no delay.
- Brad Schiffer: recommended a task force to review the Code development cycle as it relates to coordination with the FFPC cycle.
- David Gilson: stated he felt uncomfortable with the exchange between Doug Buck (FHBA) and the Commission, and that members of the public should feel comfortable approaching the Commission.

XVII. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW AND ISSUES

The August 22, 2014 Commission meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida will focus on routine Commission procedural matters including Chair's issues and recommendations, updates of the Workplan, product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, petitions for declaratory statements, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees. In addition, the Commission will conduct any needed rule development initiatives, and discuss the effective date for the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code (2104).

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS FROM JUNE 2013 AND OCTOBER 2013 MEETINGS

- Schedule Commission discussion regarding paperless permitting.
- Draft a letter encouraging building departments to support staff participation in code development.

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS FROM JUNE 2014 MEETING

- Prepare a Resolution of Appreciation for Herminio Gonzalez for presentation at the August 22, 2014 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked Commission members and the public for their attendance and participation, and adjourned the meeting at 12:45 P.M. on Friday, June 20, 2014.

ATTACHMENT 1
FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

JUNE 20, 2014—ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Average rank using a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means totally disagree and 10 means totally agree.

Number of Respondents: 20 of 23 Commissioners present completed meeting evaluations.

1. OVERALL MEETING ASSESSMENT.

- 9.8 ___ The background information was very useful.
- 9.8 ___ The agenda packet was very useful.
- 9.8 ___ The objectives for the meeting were stated at the outset.
- 9.8 ___ Overall, the objectives of the meeting were fully achieved.

2. MEMBERS LEVEL OF AGREEMENT THAT THE MEETING OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED.

- 9.8 ___ Chairs Issues and Recommendations.
- 9.8 ___ Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- 9.8 ___ Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- 9.8 ___ Applications for Accreditor and Course Approvals.
- 9.8 ___ Petitions for Requests for Declaratory Statements.
- 9.4 ___ Update on the Adoption of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code.
- 9.7 ___ Hearing to Consider Proposed Changes to Rule 61G20-3.015.
- 9.8 ___ JAPC Correspondence Concerning Permit Extensions in the Florida Keys.
- 9.8 ___ Discussion of Meeting Dates, Days and Locations.
- 9.8 ___ Update on Legislative Activity Relating to the Commission and the Code.
- 9.8 ___ Update on the Adoption of Rules.
- 9.8 ___ Approval of Legislative Recommendations and Commission's Annual Report (FY 2013-2014).
- 9.8 ___ TAC, POC and/or Committee Reports and Recommendations.

3. HOW WELL THE FACILITATOR HELPED THE MEMBERS ENGAGE IN THE MEETING.

- 9.8 ___ The members followed the direction of the Facilitator.
- 9.8 ___ The Facilitator made sure the concerns of all members were heard.
- 9.8 ___ The Facilitator helped us arrange our time well.
- 9.9 ___ Participant input was documented accurately in Facilitator's Report (previous meeting).

4. MEMBERS LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING.

- 9.7 ___ Overall, I am very satisfied with the meeting.
- 9.8 ___ I was very satisfied with the services provided by the Facilitator.
- 9.8 ___ I am satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

5. HOW WELL THE NEXT STEPS WERE COMMUNICATED.

- 9.8 ___ I know what the next steps following this meeting will be.
- 9.8 ___ I know who is responsible for the next steps.

6. WHAT MEMBERS LIKED BEST ABOUT THE MEETING.

- Opportunity.
- Nice hotel. Sound system okay. Sound system much much better than last meeting.
- Location.
- The five-minute break.
- Comfortable.
- Excellent.

7. COMMENTS REGARDING HOW THE MEETING COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.

- The room was really cold.

8. OTHER GENERAL COMMENTS.

- Have we ever considered some form of Internet based interactive webcast. So that all citizens do not have to travel.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC-MEETING EVALUATION AND COMMENT RESULTS

None were offered.

ATTACHMENT 2
KEY TO COMMON ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
ADAAG	ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities
BCSA	Florida Building Code System Assessment
BOAF	Building Officials Association of Florida
DACS or FDACS	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
DBPR	Department of Business and Professional Regulations
DCA	Department of Community Affairs
DEP or FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DOH or FDoH	Florida Department of Health
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FACBC	Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction
FAR	Florida Administrative Register (previously FAW)
FBC	Florida Building Code
FBC	Florida Building Commission
FECC	Florida Energy and Conservation Code
IBC	International Building Code
ICC	International Code Council
POC	Program Oversight Committee (Education and Product Approval)
SAD	ADA Standards for Accessibility Design
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 3

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

HISTORY

Following Hurricane Andrew in 1992, Florida experienced record-breaking insurance losses resulting in a crisis affecting every homeowner in the state. The Governor appointed a Building Code Study Commission, The Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium designed and facilitated a two-year study and deliberation process with the 28 members representing a range of interests in the public and private sectors, through which the Commission evaluated the building code system.

The study revealed that building code adoption and enforcement was inconsistent throughout the state and even local codes thought to be the strongest proved inadequate when tested by major hurricane events. The consequences were devastation to lives and economies and a statewide property insurance crisis. The Commission recommended reform of the state building construction system which placed emphasis on uniformity and accountability.

The legislature enacted the consensus recommendations into law in 1998. In late 1998, the Consortium was asked by the Commission's chair to assist the newly created Florida Building Commission in its effort to build consensus for a uniform building code proposal. A complex consensus building process was put in place that included designing and facilitating meetings of 12 balanced technical advisory groups of 11 members each appointed by the Commission, as well as the Commission's meetings. The FCRC Consensus Center at FSU continues to work with the Commission by providing facilitation and consensus-building services.

OVERVIEW

COMMISSION REPRESENTATION. The Florida Building Commission is a 27* member representative stakeholder group who successfully created, implemented, and maintains the new statewide Florida Building Code. The Commission is comprised of the Chair, and 26 members appointed to represent specific stakeholder groups. They are as follows: four code officials, two state government representatives, a local government representative, a representative of persons with disability, a structural engineer, a mechanical engineer, representatives of fire protection technology, the building management industry, and the insurance industry, a general contractor, residential contractor, mechanical contractor, plumbing contractor, electrical contractor, roofing/sheet metal/air conditioning contractor, a manufactured building representative, a building product manufacturer, a swimming pool contractor, a representative of the green building industry, a natural gas system distribution representative, and a member representing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy.

** The 2014 Legislature amended Section 553.74 (1) F.S., to add a 27th member representing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy, effective July 1, 2014.*

CONSENSUS PROCESS. The Florida Building Commission (FBC) seeks to develop consensus decisions on its recommendations and policy decisions. General consensus is a participatory process whereby, on matters of substance, the members strive for agreements which all of the members can accept, support, live with or agree not to oppose. In instances where, after vigorously exploring possible ways to enhance the members' support for the final decision on substantive decisions, and the Commission finds that 100 percent acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions require at least 75 percent favorable vote of all members present and voting. This super majority decision rule underscores the importance of actively developing consensus throughout the process on substantive issues with the participation of all members and which all can live with and support.

The Commission's consensus process is conducted as an open public process with multiple opportunities for the public to provide input to the Commission on substantive issues. At each Commission meeting, the public is welcome to speak during the public comment period provided for each substantive issue under consideration, as well as general public comment periods provided at the end of each day's meeting. In addition to these opportunities for public input, most complex substantive issues before the Commission go through a consensus process where recommendations are developed by appointed representative stakeholder groups.

Since its formation in July of 1998, the Commission has demonstrated a commitment to working with affected interests to build consensus on complex issues. The adoption of the first edition of the Florida Building Code (2001 Edition), developed from September 1998 through January of 2001, involved 27 Commission meetings, dozens of facilitated public workshops and hundreds of TAC meetings. The Commission has consistently worked with all affected interests to build the best possible consensus-based decisions for the citizens of Florida. Through its committees and workgroups comprised of experts, the Commission has always developed its decisions based on the results of the best engineering and science available. Since 1999 the Commission has convened 58 special issue stakeholder workgroups to develop broad based consensus recommendations on issues of concern to stakeholders. Although the Code is by law a minimum building code, the Florida Building Code is the strongest consensus and science based building code in the country.

ATTACHMENT 4
JUNE 20, 2014 MEETING AGENDA

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
APRIL 17, 2014
THE RENAISSANCE RESORT AT WORLD GOLF VILLAGE
500 SOUTH LEGACY TRAIL, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

OBJECTIVES

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes)
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval.
- To Receive an Update of Legislative Activity Relating to the Commission and the Code.
- To Receive an Update on the Adoption of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code.
- To Receive an Update on the Adoption of Rules.
- To Review and Discuss Correspondence from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee Concerning Permit Extensions in the Florida Keys.
- To Conduct a Hearing to Consider Proposed Changes to Rule 61G20-3.015
- To Review and Approve the Commission's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Report (Report to 2015 Legislature).
- To Receive/Decide on Reports and Recommendations from Committees.
- To Hear Public Comment
- To Identify Needed Next Steps, Assignments, and Agenda Items For Next Meeting

MEETING AGENDA—JUNE 20, 2014

All Agenda Times—including Adjournment—are Approximate and Subject to Change

8:30 am	1.)	Welcome and Opening, Roll Call
	2.)	Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
	3.)	Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Minutes: Teleconferences: March 24th, 2014; April 28th, 2014; and May 12th, 2014. On-Site Meeting: April 17th, 2014 Facilitator's Summary Report, April 17th, 2014
	4.)	Chair's Discussion Issues Appointments
	5.)	Accessibility Waiver Applications
		a. High Reach 2 Office and Maintenance Facility, 260 Hickman Road,

	<p>Sanford;</p> <p>b. Boathouse Restaurant, 49 S. W. Seminole Street, Stuart;</p> <p>c. Madame Tussaud's, 8387 International Drive, Orlando;</p> <p>d. Zed Holdings Warehouse, 3564 Plover Avenue, Naples;</p> <p>e. Renovations to 904 Margaret Street, 904 Margaret Street, Jacksonville;</p> <p>f. Kappa Delta Sorority, 555 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee;</p>
6.)	Applications for Product and Entity Approval
7.)	Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval
8.)	Petitions for Declaratory Statement
	<p>a. DS2014-042 by Barry A. Schneer;</p> <p>b. DS-2014-043 by Donald L. Fuchs of the City of Oviedo;</p> <p>c. DS2014-052 by Rich Clark of CLP Systems;</p> <p>d. DS2014-057 by David G. Karins, Karins Engineering Group, Inc.;</p> <p>e. DS2014-061 by Chester Darby;</p>
9.)	Update on Adoption of 5 th Edition of the Florida Building Code
10.)	Rule Hearing, 61G20-3.015, Equivalence of Standards as Noticed in Vol. 40/99, Florida Administrative Register.
11.)	Joint Administrative Procedures Committee Correspondence re: Permit Extensions in the Florida Keys
12.)	Meeting Dates/Days and Locations
13.)	Report of Legislative Activity
14.)	Update on Rules
15.)	Review and Approval of 2013-2014 Annual Report
16.)	Committee Reports
	<p>a. Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee</p> <p>b. Education Program Oversight Committee</p> <p>c. Electrical Technical Advisory Committee</p> <p>d. Product Approval Program Oversight Committee</p> <p>e. Special Occupancy Technical Advisory Committee</p> <p>f. Structural Technical Advisory Committee</p>
17.)	Public Comment
18.)	Commissioner Comment
19.)	<i>Adjourn</i>

ATTACHMENT 5
COMMISSION'S UPDATED MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN

(UPDATED JUNE 20, 2014)

COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

2014	LOCATION
February 21, 2014	St. Augustine (World Golf Village)
April 17, 2014	Kissimmee (Gaylord Palms)
June 19 - 20, 2014	St. Augustine (World Golf Village)
August 22, 2014	St. Pete Beach (Tradewinds Island Resort)
October 17, 2014	Gainesville
December 12, 2013	Daytona Beach/Melbourne
2015	LOCATION
February 20, 2015	TBD
April 17, 2015	TBD
June 19, 2015	TBD
August 2015	TBD
October 2015	TBD
December 2015	TBD

ACCESSIBILITY COUNCIL	EDUCATION POC	PRODUCT APPROVAL POC
February 5, 2014	February 10, 2014	February 6, 2014
April 7, 2014	April 10, 2014	April 3, 2014
June 9, 2014	June 12, 2014	June 5, 2014
August 11, 2014	August 14, 2014	August 7, 2014
October 6, 2014	October 9, 2014	October 2, 2014
December 1, 2014	December 4, 2014	December 4, 2014
February 9, 2015	February 12, 2015	February 5, 2015
April 6, 2015	April 9, 2015	April 2, 2015
June 8, 2015	June 11, 2015	June 4, 2015

ATTACHMENT 6

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 2015 LEGISLATURE

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW. The primary focus of the Florida Building Commission during the reporting period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 (fiscal year 2013 – 2014) was completing the development and adoption of the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)* and the *2014 Edition of the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction*, with a scheduled effective date of December 31, 2014. In addition to maintaining the efficiency increases of the Florida Energy Code and its merger with the format of the national model energy code, major components of the 2013 Code Update process include enhancements to the wind, water intrusion and hurricane protection provisions of the Florida Building Code. The Commission has received eighteen new members since 2012, and retains only 7 members who have served for more than two years. As a result, the Commission has conducted and will continue to conduct orientation and training of the new members to ensure they have the support they need to function effectively in their roles as commissioners. Of particular interest, is that the Commission has reached a stable point in its evolution, and has transitioned from primarily development of new initiatives to maintenance of existing processes and programs, while continuing to work with stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of the Florida Building Code System.

PROCESS. During the reporting period the Commission once again focused on consensus-building efforts regarding the implementation of Commission policy, with extensive input from building construction industry stakeholders and interests affected by Commission policy. Chairman Richard Browdy, encouraged and led the Commission's consensus-building efforts supported by DBPR.

RESEARCH—SCIENCE BASED HURRICANE AND CODE PROTECTIONS. The Florida Building Commission has continuously assessed building systems and component failures identified after major storms since its inception in 1998, and in response has funded research to strengthen the Code's effectiveness against wind and water intrusion based on these assessments. Assessments subsequent to the implementation of the Florida Building Code indicate that the research based design wind speeds required by the Code's enhancements were adequate, and buildings built to the new Florida Building Code did not experience nearly as severe damage as older buildings.

The Code establishes minimum requirements to protect buildings from wind, rain, flood and storm surge based on well-researched and continually-evolving engineering standards for buildings and the products that go into their construction. In addition to conducting research, developing state of the art hurricane resistance standards and integrating those standards in the Code at each revision cycle, the Commission seeks to be up-to-date with current national engineering and product standards

within the Code. As with each subsequent version, the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)* maintains this commitment.

During the reporting period the Commission expanded its focus from funding primarily storm damage investigations and research into a broader scope of funding research for other Code related topical areas to ensure the development of code amendments related to making Florida's structures, and the products that comprise them, more resistant. The Commission selected projects based on recommendations from the chairs of the Commission's eleven technical advisory committees (TACs) and two program oversight committees (POCs). As a result, the Commission sponsored important research projects including: accessibility, corrosion resistance of fasteners, opening protection fastening, wind load testing of aluminum screen enclosures, in-home storm shelters, fire protection in attics, humidity control in homes, ventilation and airtightness in homes, and mechanical system duct sealing for equipment replacement.

CODE UPDATE. Florida law required the Commission to update the Florida Building Code every three years, and the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)* represents the fourth update of the Code. The update process is based on the code development cycle of the national model building codes, which serve as the "foundation" codes for the Florida Building Code. The 2013 Code Update process (development of the Fifth Edition of the Florida Building Code) started in 2012 with the Commission selecting the 2012 International Codes as the foundation codes for the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)*. The Commission completed the development process during 2013, adopting an effective date for the Code of December 31, 2014. During the 2013 Code Update process the Commission focused on reviewing Florida specific requirements to the Code, achieving the goal of minimum variation from the foundation codes.

The update process included integration of the Florida Energy and Conservation Code (FECC) and the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) maintaining the efficiencies of the FECC. The Commission certified that the provisions of the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition (2014)* meet or exceed the efficiency thresholds established by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The *Fifth Edition* also incorporates the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction implementing the most recent construction requirements of Federal law coupled with enhancements directed by Florida Statute.

On a related note, the Commission adopted a fee of \$250.00 per application for Accessibility Code waivers per the statutory requirements of Section 553.512 (1), F.S. The Commission delayed implementation until July 1, 2014, to allow time for development of needed BCIS revisions, which includes an electronic waiver application form.

Finally, through legislation approved by the 2014 Florida Legislature, the Commission now has the authority to interpret the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction (FACBC) consistent with the Commission's ability to interpret all of the other sections of the Florida Building Code. This authority will be implemented in fiscal year 2014-2015.

PRODUCT APPROVAL. The product approval system is an internet-based system operated and administered by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. During the reporting period the Commission voted to charge DBPR staff with assuming administration of the Product Approval System, initially working with the current staffing levels, beginning January 1, 2014, and to amend Rule 61G20-3.007 to revise fees as needed to correlate with approved changes in the

administration of the Product Approval System. Stakeholders report a high level of satisfaction with DBPR staff's administration of the Product Approval System.

The Product Approval system efficiently processes hundreds of applications monthly. The Commission's Product Approval Program Oversight Committee (POC) convenes prior to every Commission meeting to review product and entity applications, address petitions for declaratory statements and consider enhancements to the product approval system.

During the reporting period the Commission amended Product Approval Rules 61G20-3.001 (Scope), 3.002 (Definitions), and 3.007 (Product Approval by the Commission), to adopt changes to the Product Approval System necessary to implement 2013 statutory changes. Specifically the Commission created a new category of products for Statewide Product Approval titled: "impact protective systems." Additionally, products submitted for approval by a product evaluation entity (Method 1(c) and Method 2(a)) are now approved by DBPR using the 10-business day expedited approval process (.007, Product Approval by the Commission). Finally, the Commission recognized FRSA/TRI 07320-5 as equivalent to FRSA/TRI Fifth Edition for determining Code compliance, and ANSI/DASMA 108-2012 as equivalent to ANSI/DASMA 108-2005 for determining Code compliance.

EDUCATION. Education is one of the cornerstones of the Building Code System, and the effectiveness of the Building Code depends on the knowledge of professionals who design and construct buildings. The Commission continues to work with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and representatives of the licensing boards to establish a cooperative system for approving building code courses and integrating building code continuing education into licensing requirements. In collaboration with the System Administrator and stakeholders, the Commission is working to ensure the accountability and efficacy of the Education System. During the reporting period the Commission continued to efficiently review and approve course and accreditor applications. In addition the Commission revised the Education Rule to clarify the following: the deadline (23 days prior to the next FBC meeting) for course submission and accreditation; the definition of a self-affirmed course; the process of a self-affirmed course reverting to a revised course; when courses can be submitted/accredited/approved, specifically when the building code is approved versus adopted; the requirement of the code edition inclusion in the title of an advanced course; and the process for course revisions related to laws and rules changes versus building code changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS. Monitoring the building code system and determining refinements that will make it function better is a primary responsibility of the Commission, and consequently the Commission is continually effecting refinements to the building code system by administrative rule amendment(s) where the statutes provide authority. However, the building code system is established in law, requiring that some refinements must be implemented through changes to law. The Commission's recommendations for 2015 legislative actions designed to improve the system's effectiveness are summarized below:

THE FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM'S EFFECTIVENESS ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

The Commission recommends the following for Legislative consideration:

The binding interpretation process adopted in Section 553.775 (3.) (c), F.S., and as it must be lawfully implemented by the Commission, is unworkable due to the fact that the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) is unwilling to subject itself to all of the restrictions and conditions that must be imposed. Unless a stakeholder group proposes statutory changes to resolve BOAF's concerns, the Commission recommends that this authority be repealed.