

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION**  
**ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 17, 2004, Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando**

Chairman Diana Richardson called the meeting of the Accessibility TAC to order at 2:10 P.M. at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. Members present were Dr. Richardson, Jeffery Gross, Neil Melick, Pam Dorwarth, Peter Tagliarini, Sharon Mignardi and Robert Fine. Staff present were Mary Kathryn Smith and Richard Shine.

**Review of the Minutes of the April 19, 2004 Meeting:** Dr. Harding moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Following a second by Ms. Dorwarth, the vote of the motion was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Chairman's Report:** Dr. Richardson instructed staff to have extra copies of the minutes available for the public; to send agendas and minutes to TAC members who are not on the Council; to provide TAC members with minutes from the ADA Working Group; and to provide the list of TAC goals to all members.

**Legal Report:** Mr. Shine advised the TAC on a number of legal issues. He stated that he had researched whether the statutory requirement for parking sign mounting height could be incorporated into the code. He said it was not appropriate to merely copy a section of the law and insert it into the code. Furthermore, it would require legislative action to make the state code conform to the federal ADAAG guidelines with respect to detectable warnings. Following a previous request, he researched Chapter 4 and found that swimming pools are required to have a 48 inch high barrier above grade. A final research request dealt with fire evacuation procedures. He said there are presently no established procedures by either the Fire Marshal or at the federal level. Mr. Long commented that private research is being conducted and suggested obtaining a copy of a preliminary study and making it available for the TAC. Dr. Richardson asked staff to schedule further discussion of the pool barrier requirements and research whether there are any requirements for commercial facilities.

**Code Working Group Report:** Mr. Gross stated the group had discovered several formatting and clarification errors, some of which could be attributed to scrivener's errors, but others would probably require either a rule change or statutory revision. Dr. Harding moved to accept the Group's identification of formatting changes and request they be incorporated into the next edition of the code. Ms. Dorwarth seconded the motion and the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of it.

Dr. Richardson appointed a Working Group to assess the changes requiring legal action. They were: Mr. Gross, Chair, Mr. Melick, Mr. Tagliarini, Mr. Long, Ms. Dorwarth, Dr. Harding and Ms. Mignardi. She asked that a meeting of the group be noticed for the June meeting and to also notice the Working Group on Miniature Golf Construction.

**Discussion of New ADAAG Guidelines:** Dr. Harding reported that the Department of Justice was still in the process of reviewing the proposed changes prior to implementing federal rulemaking. Dr. Richardson asked if he could provide a copy of the most recent recommendations to staff for distribution to the remainder of the TAC.

**Discussion of Continuing Education:** Dr. Richardson stated that staff reported no entity has requested training on the approved four hour course. Staff recommended the possibility of developing an additional, two hour class, since that is all required by the various certification boards. The Council concurred and staff will prepare preliminary training information for review by the TAC.

Dr. Richardson directed staff to place only the activities of the working groups on the agenda for the June meeting.

There being no further business to come before the TAC, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.