Facilitator’s Summary Report of the February 11, 2019 Florida Building Commission Meeting

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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION’S KEY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

I. PLENARY SESSION SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

At the February 11, 2020 meeting conducted in Maitland the Commission considered and decided on Chair’s issues and recommendations, Executive Director’s announcements and discussions, product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, accessibility waivers, petitions for declaratory statements, and recommendations from the Commission’s various committees. In addition the Commission received a briefing on Binding Interpretation #178. Specific actions included voting to: 1.) Approve the updated Workplan/Schedule for the 2020 Code Update Process—7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code; 2.) Approve the specified changes to the draft Rule 61G20-2.002, and to direct staff to incorporate them into an updated draft for the Commission's consideration; 3.) Send a Letter of Certification of Equivalence to DOE certifying the equivalence of the latest draft of the 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation’s commercial building provisions to ASHRAE 90.1-2016; 4.) Suspend updating the Compliance Software Tool Assistance Manual (TAM), and not produce a TAM update for the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation; and, 5.) Adopt the Commission’s package of approved Code modifications to the 6th Edition (2017) for inclusion in the draft 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code.

(Attachment 1—Meeting Evaluation Results)

II. ACTING CHAIR’S WELCOME

Acting Chair Schock welcomed the Commission, DBPR staff and the public to Maitland and the February 11, 2020 plenary session of the Florida Building Commission.

The Acting Chair noted that in addition to considering regular procedural issues including product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, accessibility waivers, petitions for declaratory statements, and recommendations from the Commission’s various committees, the primary focus of the December meeting was to conduct a rule workshop on Rule 61G20-2.002 (Updates and Amendment to the Florida Building Code), and a rule workshop on Rule 61G20-1.001 (7th Edition (2020) Update to the Florida Building Code).
The Acting 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 Acting 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 Acting Chair noted that public input is welcome, but should be offered before there is a formal motion on the floor.

III. COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners attended the Tuesday, February 11, 2020 meeting in Maitland:
Jim Schock (Acting Chair), Hamid Bahadori, James Batts, Bob Boyer, Kelly Smith Burk, Oscar Calleja, David Compton, Nan Dean, Charles Fisher, John Gatlin, Shane Gerwig, David Gilson, Richard Goff, Jeff Gross, Robert Hamberger, David John, Brad Schiffer, Fred Schilling, Drew Smith, Jeff Stone, Brian Swope, Don Whitehead, and John Wiseman.
(23 of the 25 currently seated Commissioners attended—92%).

Absent Commissioners:
Don Brown, and Brian Langile.

DBPR STAFF PRESENT

Thomas Campbell, Jim Hammers, Chris Howell, Mo Madani, Marlita Peters, and Justin Vogel.

MEETING FACILITATION

Meetings are facilitated, and meeting reports drafted by Jeff Blair from Facilitated Solutions, LLC. Information at: http://facilitatedsolutions.org.

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

IV. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2020 meeting as posted/presented. Following are the key agenda items approved for consideration:

• To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes).
• To Consider/Decide on Chair’s Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
• To Consider/Decide on Executive Director Announcements and Discussions.
• To Conduct Rule Workshops on 61G20-2.002
• To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
• To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
• To Consider Applications for Accradiator and Course Approval.
• To Receive a Briefing Regarding Legal Report.
• To Consider/Decide on Petitions for Declaratory Statements.
• To Hear Information on Binding Interpretation #178.
• To Receive/Decide on Reports and Recommendations from Committees.
• To Conduct Rule Workshops on 61G20-1.001.
• To Hear Public Comment.
• To Identify Needed Next Steps, Assignments, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (April 7, 2020 in Daytona Beach Shores).

Amendments to the Posted Agenda:
There were no amendments to the posted agenda.

(Attachment 2—February 11, 2020 Commission Agenda)

V. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2020 FACILITATOR’S SUMMARY REPORT AND MEETING MINUTES

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the December 10, 2020 Facilitator’s Summary Report and Meeting Minutes as posted/presented.

Amendments: There was no amendment offered to the meeting minutes.

VI. CHAIR’S DISCUSSION ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Updated Commission Milestones
The Acting Chair reminded participants that the Updated Commission Milestones document is linked to the February 11, 2020 FBC Agenda on the BCIS.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Tom Campbell, FBC Executive Director, briefed the Commission on the following issues:

Legislative Update for 2020 Legislative Session—Bill Matrix
Tom provided a Bill matrix and summarized the following bills:

• SB 474 and Companion HB 1174—Deregulation of Professions & Occupations. The proposed legislation reduces the Commission from 27 to 19 members.
• SB 710—Amending Section 553.73 F.S., Florida Building Code. Requiring the entire envelope of specific building types and locations be impact resistant and require the use of high wind-resistant construction materials.
- **SB 954 and Companion CS HB 459**—Providing that an affected party may submit certain local government regulations to the Florida Building Commission for review. If enacted, this bill would require the Commission to conduct rulemaking, and would require changes to the BCIS to process the requests.
- **SB 874**—Exempting Sensory Deprivation Tanks from public pool requirements.
- **CS/HB 511**—Providing that manufacturers of interior building envelope insulation for residential dwellings requires a test report from a Commission approved testing laboratory, and must be provided, upon request, to a local building official. A product evaluation report may not be provided in lieu of the test report.

**Legislative Calls**
Tom noted that currently the only Legislative call planned for the 2020 Legislative Session to discuss issues relevant to the Commission is scheduled for March 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM. There may be additional calls scheduled depending on the types of bills that get filed. Staff will notify the Commission if there is a need for any additional calls. In addition, Tom will provide analysis of the final status of Legislation relevant to the Commission following the conclusion of Session (ending on March 13, 2020) at the April 7, 2020 Commission meeting.

**Future Meetings**
**Future Commission Meeting Dates**
Tom reported that the April 7, 2020 meeting will be at The Shores Resort and Spa, Daytona Beach Shores.

Following are the Commission meeting dates for the remainder of FY 2019/2020 and August 2020:

- June 2, 2020, Hyatt Regency Sarasota.
- August 4, 2020, TBD.


Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following actions:

**Commission Actions:**

**IX. Rules Workshop on Rule 61G20-2.002**
Acting Chair Schock noted that at the October 2019 meeting the Commission conducted a rule development workshop on Rule 61G20-2.002 -Statewide Amendments to the Florida Building Code and began the process of implementing the provisions of HB 447 which amended Section 553.73 (7)(a),
Florida Building Code to reflect that: Every 3 years, the Commission may approve updates to the Florida Building Code without a specific finding that the updates are required to accommodate the specific needs of this state. At the October 2019 meeting the Commission received public comments, and discussed the public comments regarding proposed changes to the triennial update process and changes to the Commission’s adopted code processes, and discussed any changes they would like to consider regarding the Rule and process documents. Based on the Commission’s direction staff drafted several rule approaches for the Commission’s consideration for the December 10, 2019 rule workshop where after comments and discussion the Commission approved a rule approach and a rule development process option for the development of the 2023 Code Update.

The Acting Chair stated that based on a legal analysis of the requirements of Section 553.73 (7)(a), the Commission’s direction, and comments and concerns expressed to date, staff has prepared a draft rule for the Code Update process that provides a proposed sequence of steps from the Commission’s selection and review of the most current updates to the model codes, to the TACs’ review of model code provisions, to the TACs’ review of proposed code amendments, to the Commission’s approval of code amendments, and to adoption of the next edition of the Code.

The Acting Chair indicated that he and staff were proposing that the Commission have a general discussion on staff’s Rule draft, discuss whether there should be any consent agendas for the first phase of the process, review the public comments to determine whether to incorporate any of them into the draft Rule template, and then move to approve the revised draft Rule language.

Jeff Blair explained that the Commission would be provided an opportunity to ask clarifying questions on staff’s draft rule language, and then the public would provide their comments on the draft rule language for Rule 61G20-2.002 for updates and amendments to the FBC including preferences for which if any type of consent agendas (staff prepared a list of 10 different types of possible consent agendas) to use for approval by the Commission prior to the TACs’ providing their recommendations.

At the conclusion of public comment the Commission had a general discussion on staff’s Rule draft, discussed whether there should be any consent agendas for the first phase of the process, reviewed the public comments to determine whether to incorporate any of them into the draft Rule template, and then moved to approve the revised draft Rule language with the amendments incorporated into the revised draft Rule.

Jeff explained that once the rule language defining the Code development process for the 8th Edition (2023) Florida Building Code is agreed to by the Commission staff will bring revised rule language, and corresponding amended process documents to the April 7, 2020 meeting for further review and discussion during the Rule Workshop conducted at that time.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following actions:

**Commission Actions:**

**MOTION**—The Commission voted, 23 – 0 in favor, to approve the draft rule provided by the Florida Homebuilders Association, and incorporated several amendments to the text.
MOTION—The Commission voted, 23 – 0 in favor, to approve the specified changes to the draft Rule 61G20-2.002, and to direct staff to incorporate them into an updated draft for the Commission’s consideration.

X. CONSIDERATION OF ACCESSIBILITY WAIVER APPLICATIONS

Justin Vogel, 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.

Commission Actions Regarding Accessibility Waiver Applications:

1. Brickhouse Lodge – Waiver 398 - 36 S Magnolia Ave, Ocala 34471
   MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 21 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on the grounds of technical infeasibility.

2. College Station – Waiver 433 - 222 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee 32301
   MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on the grounds of economic hardship.

3. Jasper Collins LLC – Waiver 430 - 221 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach 33139
   MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on the grounds of technical infeasibility.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PRODUCT AND ENTITY APPROVAL

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

Commission Actions on the Consent Agendas for Approval:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 19 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of product approval entities (8) as posted/presented.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 19 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of products (161) recommended for approval to the 2017 Code as posted/presented.

Commission Actions Regarding Product Approval Applications With Comments—2017 Code:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 19 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 1591 R-10 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 19 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 3905 R-9 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 19 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL 12194 R-8 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.
**MOTION**—The Commission voted unanimously, 20 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL12400 R-10 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

**MOTION**—The Commission voted unanimously, 20 – 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product FL15216 R-6 based on the conditions requested by the applicant and recommended by DBPR staff.

**Commission Actions Regarding DBPR Applications:**

There was no Commission action required regarding the February 2020 DBPR Applications. The complete results of Commission decisions regarding applications for product and entity approvals are available on the BCIS.

(See BCIS Website for Linked Committee Report)

**XII. 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, 21 – 0 in favor, to approve advanced accredited course numbers: 948.0 and 947.0.

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

**XIII. LEGAL REPORT**

Justin Vogel, Commission Legal Counsel, reported there were no new legal updates.

**XIV. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENTS**

Justin Vogel, Commission Legal Counsel, presented each declaratory statement in turn. Following are the actions taken by the Commission regarding the petitions for declaratory statements.

1. **DS 2019-071 by Christopher Johnson of Superior Fences & Rail Inc.**

   **Motion**—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 - 0 in favor, to approve the Swimming Pool TAC’s recommendation on the Petition (to approve staff’s analysis for Q1 and Q2).

2. **DS 2019-078 by Ted Caplow of Grayscale Partners, LLC**

   **Motion**—The Commission voted, 22 - 1 in favor, to approve the Fire TAC’s recommendation on the Petition (to approve staff’s analysis for Q1, Q2, Q3). The Commission voted not to answer Question #4.
XV. LETTER OF CERTIFICATION OF EQUIVALENCE TO DOE

Acting Chair Schock reported that with each Code Update states are required to certify that their energy
codes are equivalent to the national code, and they are also required to certify equivalence within two
years of the DOE updating the national code. The DOE provided notice on February 27, 2018 of the
determination that the 2016 Edition of the ASHRAE 90.1-2016 would achieve greater efficiency than the
2013 Edition. At this time Florida must certify that the latest draft of the 7th Edition (2020), Florida
Building Code, Energy Conservation’s commercial building provisions are equivalent to ASHRAE 90.1-
2016, and FSEC has done the analysis supporting the equivalence of Florida’s Code to ASHRAE 90.1-
2016. In addition, the Energy TAC reviewed the analysis and recommended that the Commission send a
Letter of Certification of Equivalence to the Department of Energy (DOE) by the required February 27,
2020 deadline.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission
discussion, the Commission took the following actions:

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to send a Letter of Certification of
Equivalence to DOE certifying the equivalence of the latest draft of the 7th Edition (2020), Florida

XVI. BINDING INTERPRETATION #178 BRIEFING

Acting Chair Schock reported that Binding Interpretation #178 was petitioned by Bill Johnson regarding
the City of Cape Coral’s Official’s interpretation pursuant to Section 312.1.1 (Residential) of the Florida
Building Code, Building. The issue involves a petition for a binding interpretation on the BO’s
interpretation regarding whether the petitioner can use planters as per the diagram provided to make
adjustments to grade from an open sided walking surface to be 30” or less measured vertically to the
floor or grade below at any point within 24” horizontally to the edge of the open side as a means of
achieving the necessary elevation as allowed by FBC Section 312.1.1 to eliminate the need for guards.

Mo Madani briefed the Commission on the Binding Interpretation Panel’s opinion as follows:

Binding Interpretation #178 Answer:
(1). Planter option wall section 30 inches or less [above grade below]: In response to this specific design
the Panel passed a motion with a ruling stating that this option does comply with the specific provisions
of Section R312.1.1.
(2.) Planter option wall section greater than 30 inches [above grade below]: In response to this specific
design the Panel passed a motion with a ruling stating that this option does comply with the specific
provisions of Section R312.1.1.

XVII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Acting Chair Schock 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. Acceptance of a committee report does not approve any recommendations contained within the report, and specific recommendations must be considered by separate motions. Committee reports are linked to the following URL (linked to Commission’s February 11, 2020 Agenda):


**Accessibility TAC**
Commissioner Gross presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

*Commission Action:*

*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 31, 2020).

**Code Administration TAC**
Commissioner Gerwig presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

*Commission Action:*

*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 31, 2020).

**Education POC**
Commissioner Dean presented the POC’s report and recommendations.

*Commission Action:*

*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC’s report as presented/posted (February 3, 2020).

**Electrical TAC**
Commissioner Fischer presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

*Commission Action:*

*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 29, 2020).

**Energy TAC**
Commissioner Smith presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

*Commission Action:*


*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 24, 2020).

**Fire TAC**
Commissioner Bahadori presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

*Commission Action:*

*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 28, 2020).
Hurricane Research Advisory Committee
Jeff Blair presented the Committee’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the HRAC report as presented/posted (January 13, 2020).

Mechanical TAC
Commissioner Calleja presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 31, 2020).

Plumbing TAC
Commissioner Schilling presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 31, 2020).

Product Approval POC
Commissioner Stone presented the POC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC’s report and Facilitator’s summary report as presented/posted (January 30, 2020).

Roofing TAC
Commissioner Swope presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 23 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 28, 2020).

Special Occupancy TAC
Commissioner Whitehead presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 23, 2020).

Structural TAC
Commissioner Schock presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s reports as presented/posted (January 28, 2020).
Swimming Pool TAC
Commissioner Batts presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:
*MOTION*—The Commission voted unanimously, 22 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (January 28, 2020).

XVIII. RULE WORKSHOP FOR RULE 61G20-1.001

Acting Chair Schock noted that the Commission started the 2020 Code Update Process in October of 2017 with selection of the 2018 I-Codes and the 2017 NEC, the TACs made recommendations on I-Code changes in June of 2018, the Commission decided on I-Code changes in October of 2018, the TACs made recommendations on proposed code modifications in March of 2019, the TACs decided on public comments to TAC recommendations in July of 2019, the Commission decided on code modifications for the 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code in August of 2018, and the TACs made recommendations on public comments to the draft 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code in January of 2020.

The February 11, 2020 is the first of two rule workshops for Rule 61G20-1.001 on the draft 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code. After the Commission takes action on the TACs’ recommendations on written public comments, and verbal public comments provided during the Rule Workshop the Commission will move to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-1.001(1), Florida Building Code Adopted, incorporating all approved amendments. In addition, the Commission will conduct a second Rule Development Workshop on April 7, 2020.

Jeff Blair explained the process and sequencing for the Rule Workshop as follows:

- The Facilitator will introduce each TAC recommendation (favorable) on public comments in turn.
- Proponents of the TAC’s recommendation on the public comment will speak first.
- Opponents of the TAC’s recommendation on the public comment will follow proponents.
- Proponents/opponents will be allowed one (1) collective brief counterpoint opportunity to address any new point(s) raised by previous speakers(s), but only if they address new points specific to the comment(s) raised by the speaker(s) and if they provide new points. No repeating of previous comments/points. Rebuttals are limited to two-minutes (2).
- Limit your comment and be concise. Do not read lengthy prepared statements.
- Comments are limited to a maximum of three-minutes (3) per person.
- Offer new points and/or state agreement with previous speakers. Please do not repeat what has been stated.
- The Commission wants to hear all perspectives, and not repeats of the same views.
- Clarifying questions of commenters is restricted to Commission members only.
- Staff, proponent, or specified commenter will respond to Commission Member’s questions.
- Once a motion for an action on a comment is on the floor, discussion is limited to Commission members except as allowed by the Chair/Facilitator.
- All TAC recommendations on public comments will be considered individually. If there is not a motion to approve a TAC recommendation, then the recommendation will be deemed not approved.
• Once the Commission takes action on all of the TACs’ recommendations, members of the public will be afforded an opportunity to provide additional public comment, including commenting on issues that did not receive a favorable recommendation from the TACs.
• The same process will be used as above: public comment received, and after public comment on each issue brought forward is concluded, the Commission will decide whether to take any action.
• Motions require a 75% favorable vote for approval; those with less than a 75% favorable vote, are deemed not approved.

Of note, the Commission approved all of the TACs’ recommendations for approval, and after hearing public comment on an additional 18 proposed code modifications recommended by the TACs for No Affirmative Recommendation (NAR), the Commission affirmed the TACs’ recommendations and did not approve any additional Code modifications.

Following the opportunity provided for questions and answers, public comment, and Commission discussion, the Commission took the following actions:

**Commission Actions:**


**XIX. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS AND ISSUES**

Acting Chair Schock invited Commission members to offer any general comments to the Commission, or identify any issues or agenda items for the next Commission meeting.

*Commissioner Comments:*

• Brad Schiffer: requested that dates be provided to the file names of documents linked to the Agenda on the BCIS to ensure the latest versions and any files added later are reviewed.
• Tom Campbell: responded that staff will send an email when the agenda documents are final.
• Mo Madani: indicated that staff could provide dates to the document as well.
• Shane Gerwig: asked whether the dates for the TAC meetings to review any public comments submitted on the draft Rule were finalized.
• Tom Campbell: responded that not yet, but once the submittal deadline for comments has passed, staff would poll TAC members for meeting dates.
• Shane Gerwig: asked whether the results of DS 2019-071 would be clarified in the next Code.
• Mo Madani: responded that yes staff would include as appropriate.
XIX. 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, Acting Chair Schock invited members of the public to address the Commission on any issues under the Commission’s purview.

Public Comments:

- Linda Patrick: thanked Mo for her copy of the Accessibility Code. Noted that looking forward to the new Code there will need to be training on the Energy Code changes. Asked if one has questions on Chapter 4 should they be directed to DBPR staff, or to the relevant state agency.
- Mo Madani: responded that staff is happy to answer questions, and it is also likely, depending on the question, that staff would also refer them to the appropriate state agency for follow-up.
- Linda Patrick: noted that there is not a code commentary on special occupancy.
- Joe Belcher: thanked staff for their hard work on the Code and on the Rule. Noted that there is a need to correctly cite the Code and to do so consistently (i.e., 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code).

XX. Next Commission Meeting Overview and Issues

The April 7, 2020 meeting in Daytona Beach will focus on the Commission’s regular procedural and substantive issues, and rule development initiatives including rule development workshops on the Code Update process for the 8th Edition (2023), Florida Building Code, and on the 7th Edition (2020), Florida Building Code.

(Attachment 5—Commission Meeting Schedule)

Other Commission Actions

There were no additional Commission actions taken during the December 10, 2019 meeting.

Staff Assignments from the February 11, 2020 Meeting

Draft revised rule language and process documents for Rule 61G20-2.002.

Adjournment

The Acting Chair thanked Commission members, staff and the public for their attendance and participation, and adjourned the meeting at 1:06 PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.
ATTACHMENT 1

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

FEBRUARY 11, 2020—MAITLAND, FLORIDA

Average rank using a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means totally disagree and 10 means totally agree.
Number of Respondents: 19 of 23 (83%) Commissioners present completed meeting evaluations.

1. **OVERALL MEETING ASSESSMENT.**

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

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

   10.0 Executive Director’s Announcements and Discussions.
   9.9 Rule Workshop on 61G20-2.002.
   9.9 Applications for Accessibility Waiver Applications Approvals.
   9.9 Applications for Products and Product Approval Entities Approvals.
   9.9 Applications for Accréditeur and Course Approvals.
   9.7 Legal Report Briefing.
   9.9 Petitions for Declaratory Statements.
   9.9 Letter of Certification of Equivalence to DOE.
   9.9 Binding Interpretation #178 Briefing.
   10.0 TAC, POC, Committee, and Workgroup Reports and Recommendations.
   10.0 Rule Workshop on 61G20-1.001.

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

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

4. **MEMBERS LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING.**

   10.0 Overall, I am very satisfied with the meeting.
   10.0 I was very satisfied with the services provided by the Facilitator.
   10.0 I am satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

5. **HOW WELL THE NEXT STEPS WERE COMMUNICATED.**

   9.9 I know what the next steps following this meeting will be.
   9.9 I know who is responsible for the next steps.
6. **What Members Liked Best About the Meeting.**
   - Meeting moved along well.
   - Jeff Blair bailing me out!
   - Nice hotel.
   - Hotel room.

7. **Comments Regarding How the Meeting Could Have Been Improved.**
   - Anywhere besides downtown Orlando.
   - Sound needs improvement.

8. **Other General Comments.**
   - Excellent room accommodations and great breakfast.
   - Parking and breakfast included was a nice touch.

**Comments on Specific Agenda Items**

*None were offered.*
FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
PLENARY SESSION
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
SHERATON ORLANDO NORTH
600 NORTH LAKE DESTINY DRIVE
MAITLAND, FLORIDA 32751

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes).
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Executive Director Announcements and Discussions.
- To Conduct Rule Workshops on 61G20-2.002.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider Applications for Accréditeur and Course Approval.
- To Receive a Briefing Regarding Legal Report.
- To Consider/Decide on Petitions for Declaratory Statements.
- To Hear Information on Binding Interpretation #178.
- To Receive/Decide on Reports and Recommendations from Committees.
- To Conduct Rule Workshops on 61G20-1.001.
- To Hear Public Comment.
- To Identify Needed Next Steps, Assignments, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting (April 7, 2020 in Daytona Beach Shores).

COMMISSION COMMITTEES—ON-SITE AND TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

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All Agenda Times—Including Adjournment—Are Approximate and Subject to Change

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14.) **Committee Reports:**

   - Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee (January 31, 2020)
   - Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee (January 31, 2020)
   - Education Program Oversight Committee (February 3, 2020)
   - Electrical Technical Advisory Committee (January 29, 2020)
   - Energy Technical Advisory Committee (January 24, 2020)
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   - Commissioner Consideration of Comments
   - Commission Review and Recommendation Process for Comments Received

16.) Commissioner Comment

17.) Public Comment

18.) Adjourn Commission Plenary Session
### ATTACHMENT 3
#### KEY TO COMMON ACRONYMS

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HISTORY

Following Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and Hurricane Opal in 1995, Florida experienced record-breaking insurance losses resulting in a crisis affecting every homeowner in the state. The Governor appointed a Building Code Study Commission, and 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 Study Commission recommended a Florida Building Code System comprised of Five Foundations for a Better Built Environment described as: I. The Code; II. The Commission; III. Local Administration of the Code; IV. Strengthening Compliance and Enforcement; and, V. Product Approval.

The legislature enacted the consensus recommendations into law in 1998. In late 1998, the FCRC Consensus Center 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. Facilitated Solutions, LLC continues to work with the Commission by providing facilitation and consensus-building services using the same process and facilitator.

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.
**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 64 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.
## COMMISSION’S UPDATED MEETING SCHEDULE AND CODE UPDATE WORKPLAN

(Updated February 11, 2020)

### COMMISSION APPROVED MEETING SCHEDULE

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### COMMISSION’S 2020 CODE UPDATE DEVELOPMENT WORKPLAN

#### 7th EDITION (2020) FBC CODE UPDATE DEVELOPMENT TASKS

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<td>2018 International Codes published and available to the public;</td>
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<td>Commission selects 2018 I Codes “model codes” and 2017 NEC to conduct its review</td>
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<td>Staff post complete listing of the code changes to the I Codes online</td>
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<td>Staff post on Commission website analysis of the 2018 I-Code change (Tracking Charts and code change monographs)</td>
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<td>TACs review the 2018 changes to the I Codes and make recommendations to the Commission regarding those changes that are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state. TACs meetings - 11-day on-site meetings – for more detail see TAC meeting</td>
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<td>Staff post TACs’ recommendations online for further public review</td>
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<td>Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup (RCCIWG) review the TACs’ recommendations with regard to the 2018 changes to the International Residential Code (IRC) and provide comments to the Commission on impactful code changes.</td>
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<td>RCCIWG meeting – on-site meeting (Orlando Marriott Lake Mary)</td>
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<td>Commission considers TACs’ recommendations regarding the latest changes to the model codes that are needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state – on site meeting (Embassy Suites - Sarasota)</td>
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<td>Period for public to propose modifications to the 6th Edition (2017) FBC and the Commission’s approved changes to the model codes needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state</td>
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<td>TACs consider public comments on their actions on the proposed mods TACs meetings – 4-day meetings [2-day on-site (Gainesville) and 2 – day via conference/webinar] – As needed and as applicable</td>
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553.73(7)(e) A rule updating the Florida Building Code in accordance with this subsection shall take effect no sooner than 6 months after publication of the updated code. Any amendment to the Florida Building Code which is adopted upon a finding by the commission that the amendment is necessary to protect the public from immediate threat of harm takes effect immediately.