

**SPECIAL OCCUPANCY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CONCURRENTLY WITH  
FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
Friday, December 2, 2016  
1:00 PM until completion**

## **Minutes**

### **SPECIAL OCCUPANCY TAC PRESENT:**

Darrell Phillips, Chairman  
Charlie Frank  
Crystal Meyers for James Ginns  
Scott Waltz

Gene Chalecki  
Doug Melvin  
Bob Vincent

### **SPECIAL OCCUPANCY TAC NOT PRESENT:**

Ken Cureton  
Phillip Sanders

Frank Frail

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Mo Madani  
Thomas Campbell  
Marlita Peters  
Jim Hammers

April Hammonds  
Nick Duval  
Chris Howell  
Robert Benbow

**Welcome:**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference call of the Special Occupancy Technical Advisory Committee and the Fire Technical Advisory Committee. She provided information for the callers on how to mute systems to avoid background noise.

**Roll Call:**

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Special Occupancy TAC. A quorum was met with 7 members present.

**Agenda Approval:**

Mr. Chalecki entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Mr. Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

**Approval of Minutes July 13, 2016**

Mr. Chalecki entered a motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2016. Mr. Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

**DS 2016-080 - by Tom Files of Feasterco Construction, Inc.:**

There was no one on the line representing the petitioner.

Mr. Madani provided the background on the declaratory statement.

**Question:**

Can an NFPA 13R system be used in a transient lodging facility with interior corridors that meets all applicable criteria of Chapter 5 of the F.B.C. 2014 addition allowing it to be protected under 903.3.1.2 NFPA 13R?

**Option #1/Petitioner:**

Petitioner respectfully believes the answer is "Yes". If the answer were "No" than why would the criteria and allowable exceptions as listed in Chapter V be outlined as they are. The use of Chapter 5 criteria saves a great expense on this particular type of commercial project and seems to meet the intent of the NFPA 13R and Florida Building Code for the building and occupancy type.

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**Option #2/Staff:**

“Yes”, as per Section 903.3.1.2 of the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code (FBC), Building, an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13R is permitted to be used in the transient lodging facility in question for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with Section 461.1 of the 5th Edition (2014) FBC, Building.

Mr. Waltz entered a motion to recommend Option 2 staff response to the question. Mr. Chalecki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7 to 0.

A second roll call was performed as this was the only item on the concurrent agenda.

All seven members remained on the call.

**Public comment:**

No further public comment.

**Adjournment:**

**Time: 1:26 p.m.**