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I. 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 the Governor's Building Code Study Commission, The FCRC Consensus Center at Florida State University 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 that 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. The Center continues to work with the Commission by providing facilitation and consensus-building services.

OVERVIEW

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 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% acceptance or support is not achievable, final decisions require at least 75% 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 periods 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, most substantive issues before the Commission go through a workgroup or committee process where consensus recommendations are developed by appointed representative stakeholder groups, providing additional opportunities for public input. Workgroup recommendations approved by the Commission usually require rule development to implement, affording at least two additional entry points for public comment.


Through its committees and workgroups of experts, the Commission has always developed its decisions on the results of the best engineering-based science available. Since 1999 the Commission has convened 64 special issue workgroups to work with affected stakeholders to develop broad-based consensus recommendations on the topical issues relevant to their scope and charge. 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.

In summary, the Florida Building Commission provides a forum for stakeholders representing key interests to participate in a consensus-building process where issues affecting the construction industry are discussed and evaluated on their technical merits and cost-benefits to the citizens of the State of Florida. In addition, as a result of the Commission’s proven consensus-building process and success in developing consensus on tough issues, the Florida Legislature annually assigns policy issues to the Commission for evaluation and implementation.
## II. Florida Building Commission

### Special Issue Projects 1999–2018

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**Workgroup Meeting Totals**: 196

*Note: Projects highlighted are ongoing and/or currently active.*
### III. **KEY TO COMMON ACRONYMS**

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IV. FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION MILESTONES

V. 1990s MILESTONES

1996 MILESTONES

JULY 1996  Governor Chiles establishes the Florida Building Codes Study Commission.

1997 MILESTONES

DECEMBER 1997  The Florida Building Codes Study Commission recommends a new uniform state-wide building code (the Florida Building Code) be developed, implemented and maintained by a new entity (the Florida Building Commission).

1998 MILESTONES


JULY 1998  The Florida Building Commission is convened.

SEPTEMBER 1998  The Commission reaches consensus on criteria for potential modifications to the base codes.


*The International Building Code was not adopted at the time.

NOVEMBER 1998  The Commission appoints nine Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and two Task Groups (TG) to refine the Base Code into an approved draft for public dissemination.
1999 MILESTONES

**JANUARY 1999**

**FEBRUARY 1999**

**APRIL 1999**
In April of 1999 the Commission authorizes the printing and dissemination of the TAC/TG recommendations on a working draft of the Florida Building Code and approves eight Public Input Forums to be held around the state in order to solicit public comment on the committee’s recommendations.

**MAY 1999**
Commission sponsors eight public input forums, held in Ft. Lauderdale, Melbourne, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Orlando, Naples, Tampa and Pensacola and schedules an additional public hearing in Miami/Kendall on June 9. Commission agrees on workplan and decision-making process for TACs/TG and Commission as proposed by the FCRC Consensus Center @ Florida State University. Draft I of FBC printed.

**JUNE 1999**
Commission begins review of South Florida code integration issues beginning with wind load design options and holds additional Draft I public hearings in Miami and Pensacola. New Chair appointed by Governor.

**JULY 1999**
Governor Bush appoints Raul L. Rodriguez, AIA as Governor’s Chair of the Florida Building Commission. Commission approves five facilitated public hearings on draft II of the FBC. Commission ranks windload design options and reviews code enforcement issues. Chair assigns a drafting group to address the South Florida code integration issues of wind load design, roofing, and code enforcement. Commission reviews and adopts workplan from July through February of 2000 and approves a 51% quorum rule for the TAC/TGs. Drafting Committee on South Florida code integration issues meets and agrees on a consensus option to present to the Commission in August.

**AUGUST 1999**
Commission unanimously adopts draft II of the Florida Building Code including windload design, roofing, and code enforcement provisions for addressing the unique concerns of South Florida. Commission unanimously adopts additional criteria and process for considering proposed modifications to Draft II. Commission moves to file rule adopting the 1999 Edition of the National Electric Code.

**SEPTEMBER 1999**
Commission holds two facilitated public hearings on Draft II. Commission approves consent responses to written comment on Draft I of the FBC. Commission unanimously adopts Education TG proposal for conceptual design for Building Code Training Program. State Agency Review Ad Hoc Committee appointed to
present recommendations to Commission on State agency standards development and enforcement authority.

**OCTOBER 1999**
Commission holds two facilitated public hearings on the Second Draft. Commission proposes options on wind design for Draft III inclusion, ranks options, and assigns South Florida Integration Ad Hoc Committee to refine options and present recommendations to the Commission in November. Commission proposes options on a statewide product approval system, ranks options, and assigns South Florida Integration Ad Hoc Committee to refine options and present recommendations to the Commission in December. Secretary Seibert and Representative Constantine address Commission and deliver Governor’s message on the importance of seeking consensus on the building code and product approval system.

**NOVEMBER 1999**
Commission holds the fifth and final public hearing on Draft II. South Florida Integration Ad Hoc Committee meets in Naples to review wind design options and recommends that the Commission adopt the wind design criteria from the IBC including ASCE 7-98 for the entire state. The Code Formatting Ad Hoc meets and makes recommendations to present to the Commission for adoption into draft III. The Commission reviews and adopts wind design option (the wind design criteria from the IBC including ASCE 7-98 for the entire state), coastal building zone requirements, refinements to South Florida hurricane protection standards integration, proposed modifications to Draft II, and formatting recommendations for Draft III inclusion. The Commission moves and adopts Draft III amendatory text. Commission members have until November 24 to submit written amendments to the draft text. State Agency Issues Ad Hoc Committee meets to refine and propose final recommendations on standards development and enforcement functions for state agencies.

**DECEMBER 1999**
VI. 2000s MILESTONES

2000 MILESTONES

JANUARY 2000
Commission decides on special occupancy ad hoc and glitch amendments to the Building Code. Commission reviews and adopts amendatory text of components for inclusion in the report to the Legislature. Commission extends delivery date on wind design and product approval system to allow continued consensus building. Commission conducts rule development workshop for Education/Training Rule.

FEBRUARY 2000
Secretary Seibert addresses the Commission and encourages the Commission to continue their consensus building efforts on behalf of the citizens of Florida. The Commission considers and votes on final amendments to the code and approves adopting Draft III as amended and proceeding with administrative rule adoption. The Commission adopts the components of the report to the Legislature as amended and approves transferring the report to the Legislature. Commission approves continuing to develop the state product approval system and approves proceeding to rule adoption for the Education/Training Rule for core training.

MARCH 2000

APRIL 2000

MAY 2000
Legislature approves the Building Code Bill and provides direction to Commission on key tasks. Commission holds second rulemaking hearing on the Building Code Rule, and establishes timelines for rule development process for implementing Legislative directive regarding establishing by rule criteria for fiscal impact statements.

JUNE 2000
Commission conducts rule development workshop for establishing criteria for fiscal impact statements, and unanimously adopts criteria and moves to proceed with rule adoption of the criteria. Commission reviews workplan and conducts exercise to prioritize workplan tasks that do not require a specific delivery date by statute.

JULY 2000
Commission conducts a closed session to discuss possible settlement options of Rule challenges to the Building Code Rule. In addition, Commission reviews and decides on previously adopted modifications to the base code as well as proposed changes to the Building Code Rule in light of the criteria established by law including fiscal impact statements.
AUGUST 2000  Commission conducts rulemaking hearing on fiscal impact statement rule and conducts a hearing on notice of proposed changes to the Building Code Rule. The Commission unanimously adopted the final recommendations on the manufactured building program and moved to proceed with rule adoption on the recommendations.

SEPTEMBER 2000  The Commission conducts a second closed session to discuss possible settlement options to Rule challenges to the Building Code Rule. The Commission approves changes to the Fiscal Impact Criteria Rule and proceeds with Notice of Proposed Changes. In addition, the Commission conducts a discussion on the development of the Education Training System.

OCTOBER 2000  Commission approves a settlement agreement to the rule challenge, pending approval by the challenging party. In addition, the Commission adopts final additional changes to the Building Code Rule resulting from comments on notice of proposed changes to the rule. The Commission approves holding a conference in order to decide on proceeding with rule adoption for the Building Code Rule.

NOVEMBER 2000  Commission adopts an amendatory text of Product Approval System recommendations. In addition, the Florida Homebuilder’s (FHBA) rule challenge to the Building Code Rule is settled, and a new challenge is filed by the Florida Air Conditioning Contractors Association (FACCA).


2001 MILESTONES


MARCH 2001  Commission reviews and makes recommendations on Legislative issues. Commission develops recommendations on education training initiatives for transition training, the Core, and Building Code Training Program. Commission approves development of advanced educational module on wind/water design. Commission conducts Product Approval system development/organizational workshop.

MAY 2001
Commission approves rule development workshops for refinements to code, product approval, rules of procedure, education, and prototype buildings. Commission conducts annual assessment and workplan task prioritization workshop.

JULY 2001
Commission conducts Product Approval system rule development workshop, adopts system recommendations, and unanimously moves to proceed with rule adoption for the system. Commission conducts rule development workshops and unanimously moves to proceed with rule adoption for code refinements (including pool safety issues), Building Code Training Program, and Commission Rules of Procedure.

AUGUST 2001
Commission conducts rule adoption hearings for Building Code Training Program, Rules of Procedure, Code refinements, and Product Approval. The Commission votes to proceed with rule adoption for Education, Code refinements (with changes), and Rules of Procedure (with changes). The Chair reconvened the Product Approval Ad Hoc Committee to review and make recommendations on public comment for the proposed system.

OCTOBER 2001
After receiving and responding to public comment in a series of facilitated rule development workshops and adoption hearings, the Commission voted unanimously to proceed with rule adoption for Accessibility Code amendments, code refinements, Rules of Procedure, and the Product Approval System rules.

NOVEMBER 2001
After receiving and responding to public comment the Commission voted unanimously to proceed with rule adoption for Accessibility Code amendments and code refinements.

DECEMBER 2001
Commission conducted rule adoption hearing on Product Approval Rule.

2002 MILESTONES

JANUARY 2002

FEBRUARY 2002
Commission conducts additional rule adoptions hearings on Product Approval and Prototype Buildings rules.

MARCH 2002

MAY 2002
Commission conduct an attorney/client closed-door session on an administrative challenge of pool alarm requirements. Commission conducts Workshop on development of policy for relationship of the Florida Building Code to the International codes.
**JUNE/JULY 2002**  
Commission approves non-binding interpretation process working with BOAF. Commission conducts workshop on ICC code development participation. Commission votes to seek statutory authority to issue binding interpretations.

**AUGUST 2002**  
Commission approves BCTP recommendations related to transferring certain program functions to DBPR.

**SEPTEMBER 2002**  
Commission approves process for updating base codes.

**OCTOBER 2002**  
Commission approves rule challenge settlement agreement with Florida Homebuilders Association related to process for adopting code amendments, and proceeds with rule adoption for the 2001 Florida Building Code.

**DECEMBER 2002**  

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**2003 MILESTONES**

**JANUARY 2003**  

**FEBRUARY 2003**  
Commission conducts rule development workshop on Rule 9B-3.054, Non-binding Advisory Opinions.

**APRIL 2003**  
Commission conducts rule adoption hearing and adopts Rule language for Rule 9B-72, Product Approval. Chair votes to express concerns to the Governor and Legislature regarding privatization of the administrative and technical functions of the Commission.

**MAY 2003**  
Commission adopts resolution of support for the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium at Florida State University. Commission adopts rule language for non-binding opinions.

**JUNE 2003**  

**JULY 2003**  
Commission receives public comment and discussed the 2004 Code Update process.

**AUGUST 2003**  
Commission begins rulemaking effort for Product Approval Rule. Commission conducts informal workshop and votes to accept the International Building Code as the foundation model code for the building volume of the Florida Building Code, carrying forward the Florida specific amendments to the SBC. In addition, the Commission voted to adopt the International Residential Code as the model code foundation for a FBC residential volume, and to integrate the previously approved Florida specific amendments related to residential buildings. The Commission voted
to make January 1, 2005 the implementation date for code amendments, local amendments, and 2004 code updates.

**OCTOBER 2003**  Commission approves 2004 code amendments and updates to the Florida Building Code.

**NOVEMBER 2003**  Commission convenes workgroup to develop recommendations for enhancements to the Private Provider System.

### 2004 Milestones

**JANUARY 2004**  Commission conducts rule adoption hearing and approves changes to the Product Approval Rule (9B-72), and the Building Code Education Program Rule (9B-70).

**MARCH 2004**  Commission conducts rule adoption hearing implementing the Commission’s approved 2004 Florida specific amendments to the Florida Building Code and integration of the International family of codes and makes the implementation date January 1, 2005. Commission approves and forwards to the Legislature Phase I recommendations on the Private Provider System.

**APRIL 2004**  Commission conducts additional hearing on the Building Code Rule and Product Approval Rule and votes to complete rule adoption. Commission votes to conduct a joint project with the Fire Marshal to identify and develop recommendations relating to overlaps between the Building and Fire Code. Commission conducts rule development workshops on Rules 9B-3.048, .049, and .050, the Florida Building Commission Rule.

**JUNE 2004**  Commission convenes the Product Approval Workgroup to work with stakeholders to develop refinements to the Product Approval system. Commission conducts rule adoption hearing on Rule 9B-1, Manufactured Buildings.

**JULY 2004**  Commission conducts teleconference meeting regarding next steps for the adoption of the 2004 Code.

**AUGUST 2004**  Commission conducts additional rule adoption hearing on amendments to the Florida Building Code (Rule 9B-3.047), adopts language and makes July 1, 2005 implementation date. Chair charges Facilitator (Jeff Blair) to conduct assessments on construction practices and overlapping building fire provisions and authorities. Commission votes to reduce the application of conventional design to regions with less than 100 mph in the FRC and the FBC.

**OCTOBER 2004**  Commission adopts recommendations for a Private Provider System. Commission seeks legislative authority to adopt and update the ASCE 7 edition by rule, define Exposure C and windborne debris region definitions for the State, and statutory wind resistance design requirements. Chair appoints ICC Participation Workgroup.
**DECEMBER 2004** Commission conducts additional rule adoption hearing on amendments to the Florida Building Code, Rule 9B-3.047. Chair appoints Hurricane Research Advisory Committee to develop code amendment recommendations. Commission moves to split session format to encourage additional public participation.

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<td>Commission adopts Hurricane Research Advisory Committee recommendations and votes to integrate the package of recommendations for early implementation as a part of the legislative authorization for expedited code amendments for hurricane related provisions. Commission conducts rule adoption hearing on Product Approval Rule. Public comment received on quality of construction issues. Governor signs SB 442 and encourages code development to be done by the Commission and not through statute.</td>
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December 8, 2006 as the effective date for the 2006 Supplement to the 2004 Florida Building Code. The Commission selects the 2006 Editions of the I-Codes as the foundation code(s) for the 2007 Florida Building Code (for Building, Residential, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, and Existing Building Codes). NFPA 70 has already been selected as the foundation code for the Florida Electrical Code.

**DECEMBER 2006**  

**2007 MILESTONES**

**FEBRUARY 2007**  
Commission conducts rule adoption hearing on Rule 9B-70, the Building Code Training Program, and conducts rule development workshops on Rule 9B-72, the Product Approval Rule, and Rule 9B-3, the Florida Building Commission Rule. The Commission adopts process for TAC review of code amendments for the 2007 Code update process, authorizes funding for hurricane research projects, and approves final Report to the 2007 Legislature.

**MARCH 2007**  

**MAY 2007**  
Commission’s TAC’s review staff’s recommendations regarding integration of Florida Specific amendments for inclusion in the 2007 Edition of the Florida Building Code. Commission conducts additional supplemental rule development workshop on Rule 9B-72, the Product Approval Rule, and integrates the Window Labeling Workgroup’s recommendations for installation instructions required for product approval submittal. Chairman Rodriguez revises the name and scope of the Window Labeling Workgroup to the Windows Workgroup to address the issue of water infiltration and related issues, respectively.

**JUNE 2007**  
Commission’s TAC’s review comments on TAC’s Code recommendations. Commission conducts rule development workshops on: Rule 9B-74, Prototype

**JULY 2007**


**AUGUST 2007**


**OCTOBER 2007**


**DECEMBER 2007**

Commission votes to conduct an additional rule adoption hearing on Rule 9B-72, Product Approval, and a rule development workshop on Rule 9B-70, the Education Rule. Commission adopts criteria for coastal code plus performance. Commission reviews energy related projects, and approves issues for inclusion in the 2008 Report to the Legislature. Commission charges Wind Mitigation Workgroup to work with stakeholders to develop consensus on enhancements to the Wind Mitigation Retrofits Rule, and options for resolving the rule challenge to Rule 9B-3.0475, the Wind Mitigation Retrofits Rule.

**2008 MILESTONES**

**JANUARY 2008**


**MARCH 2008**

Commission votes to seek legislative authority to issue declaratory statements on the Florida Accessibility Code, based on Accessibility TAC and Accessibility Code
Interpretation workshop participant recommendations. Commission conducts rule
development workshops on Rule 9B-13, Energy Code, Rule 9B-3.050, Amendments
to Florida Building Code, and Rule 9B-3.053, Alternative Plans Review and
Inspection Form. Commission conducts rule adoption hearings on Rule 9B-7.042,
Accessibility Code, and Rule 9B-70 Education. Commission Chair appoints and
convenes Soffit System Workgroup and Septic System Sizing Workgroup. Chair
convenes Regional AC Efficiency Workgroup. Commission hears presentation on
state of the construction industry sector of the economy.

MAY 2008
Commission conducts rule adoption hearings on Rule 9B-13, Energy Code, Rule 9B
3.050, Amendments to Florida Building Code, and Rule 9B-3.053, Alternative Plans
Review and Inspection Form. Commission voted to notice changes for Rule 9B-
70.002, Commission Approval and Accreditation of Advanced Building Code
Training Course. Commission voted to send a letter to Governor requesting the
preservation of the Commission’s funding within the DCA Operating Trust Fund.
Commission voted to delay implementation date of adopted Energy Code
amendments until January 1, 2009, and notices changes to the proposed rule to
achieve 15% increased efficiency and to file the rule with the Department of State
for adoption. Any additional Energy Code Amendments will be considered during
the 2010 Code Update process. Commission receives final report and
recommendations from the Code Administration Assessment project.

JUNE 2008
Commission votes to make the effective date of the 2007 Florida Building Code and
2007 Florida Energy Code December 31, 2008, and to extend the deadline for
submitting Glitch changes to July 15, 2008. TAC’s begin process of commenting on
proposed Glitch Amendments to the 2007 Florida Building Code. Commission votes
to consider all Glitch Amendments during a rule development workshop on Rule
9B-3.047, Florida Building Code Glitch Amendments, to be conducted at the August
2008 meeting. The Commission will conduct a rule adoption hearing at the October
2008 meeting for Glitch Amendments. Commission votes to conduct rule
development on Rule 9B-72 for Self-Affirmation (9B-72.090) and for Equivalency of
Standards (9B-72.180) between ASTM E 1300-02 and 1300-04.

AUGUST 2008
August 2008 Commission meeting cancelled due to potential travel risks associated
with Hurricane Fay.

SEPTEMBER 2008
Commission conducts teleconference meeting and votes to make effective date of
2007 Florida Building Code, the 2008 Supplement to the 2007 Florida Building Code
to implement glitch code amendments, and the 2007 Florida Energy Code to March
1, 2009.

OCTOBER 2008
Commission creates a Flood Standards Workgroup charged with developing
recommendations for integrating the IBC flood damage-resistant provisions in the
Florida Building Code. Commission votes to convene a CO Detector Workgroup
charged with developing recommendations regarding implementation of the 2008
statutory requirements for CO detectors. Commission conducts a supplementary rule
adoption hearing for Rule 9B-13, the Energy Code Rule and votes to adopt
amendments that implement the Governor’s Executive Order 127 directive to
increase building efficiency requirements by 15 percent, and to proceed with rule adoption by filing the rule. Commission conducts a rule development workshop for Rule 9B-70, Education, to develop amendments for on-line forms for the Education Program. Commission conducts a rule development workshop on Rule 9B-3.047, Florida Building Code, Glitch Amendments, and votes to integrate and notice the approved amendments, and to conduct a rule adoption hearing at the December 2008 meeting. Commission votes to initiate rulemaking to amend Rule 9B-72 to recognize the Equivalency of Standards between ASTM E 1300-02 and ASTM E 1300-04. Commission votes to set a schedule for rulemaking to implement the Commission’s actions relative to adopting the 2008 NEC, by July 1, 2009. Commission votes to adopt a Commission policy requiring that Commission programs shall be required to be self-supporting for all costs, and fees will be adjusted to reflect the true cost of administering the program(s).

**DECEMBER 2008**


**2009 MILESTONES**

**FEBRUARY 2009**

Commission votes to proceed with rule development to adopt the 2008 NEC, the interior decorators settlement agreement, and correction of roofing nail size error in the FBC, by conducting a rule development workshop at the April 2009 Commission meeting. Commission votes to initiate rule making to develop a rule for determining cost effectiveness of energy conservation measures to be considered for inclusion in the Florida Energy Code. Commission conducts hearings to repeal Rule 9B-3.0477, Electrical Bonding of Pool Decks, Rule 9B-3.0475, Wind Mitigation Retrofits, and Rule 9B-3.0472, Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

**MARCH 2009**

Commission conducts Teleconference Meeting (March 16, 2009) and decides on Rule 9B-72.090, Product Approval Self Affirmation, and Rule 9B-72.180, Product Approval Equivalency of Standards, and votes to file the rules. Commission
conducts Teleconference meeting on March 30, 2009 to receive update on relevant issues regarding the 2009 Legislative Session.

**APRIL 2009**

**MAY 2009**
Commission conducts Teleconference meeting on May 18, 2009 to receive update on the results of relevant issues regarding the 2009 Legislative Session.

**JUNE 2009**

**AUGUST 2009**
Commission conducts rule adoption hearing on Rule 9B-72.090, Product Approval Fees. Commission adopts criteria for approving evaluation entities and adds IAPMO as an approved entity, and votes to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 9B-72.100 and 9B-72.130, Product Approval. Commission adopts Flood Plain Management Standards for integration into the 2010 Code.

**SEPTEMBER 2009**
Commission conducts teleconference rule adoption hearing on Rule 9B-72.100, Product Approval, adopting criteria for the approval of product approval evaluation entities, and including IAPMO to the list of approved evaluation entities.

**OCTOBER 2009**

**DECEMBER 2009**

Commission conducts rule adoption hearing on Rule 9B-72.130, Product Approval, application limitations and amending BCIS screens to 150 sequence numbers. Commission adopts Strategic Plan for achieving the energy standard revisions pursuant to requirements of Section 553.9061, F.S.. Commission adopts summary of issues and recommendations to the 2010 Florida Legislature. The Commission's TACs met to review and develop recommendations regarding overlaps of current Florida Specific Code Amendments with International Codes changes from 2006 to 2009 Editions.
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2010 MILESTONES


FEBRUARY 2010  Commission adopts additional recommendations for submittal to the 2010 Legislature including additional flood resistant standards. Commission votes support for relevant provisions of building code legislation (SB468). Commission votes to initiate rule making for Rule 9B-70, Education (self-affirmation), and Rule 9B-72, Product Approval (evaluation entities).

APRIL 2010  Commission conducts rule development workshop on Rule 9B-70, Education (self-affirmation), and votes to proceed with rule adoption. Commission receives updates from special issue workgroups convened in part to develop proposed code amendments for the 2010 Code Update process. Opportunity for submitting proposed amendments to the 2010 Code Update process was provided from March 1 to April 2, 2010 and there were 832 amendments proposed.


AUGUST 2010  Commission conducts rule development workshop on Rule 9N-3, Product Approval (f.k.a. Rule 9B-72), to implement requirements of HB 663, and votes to proceed with rule adoption. Commission discusses options regarding publishing formats for the 2010 Florida Building Code. Commission’s TACs conduct rule development
workshops for the purpose of developing recommendations to the Commission regarding proposed modifications to the Florida Building Code (2010 Code Update process). On-line survey conducted to solicit stakeholder feedback for Commission evaluation as part of the triennial assessment of the Florida Building Code System.

**OCTOBER 2010**


**DECEMBER 2010**

Commission conducts rule adoption hearing for the purpose of deciding on proposed amendments to the Florida Building Code, with results comprising the 2010 Edition of the Florida Building Code. The Commission votes to proceed with rule development on Rule 9B-70.001 for the purpose of repealing the Building Code Core education requirement by conducting a rule development workshop at the February 2011 meeting. Commission approves summary of issues and recommendations for inclusion in the Commission’s 2011 Report to the Legislature.

**2011 MILESTONES**

**FEBRUARY 2011**

Commission conducts rule adoption hearing on Rule 9N-01, Florida Building Code, for the purpose of considering public comment on the draft 2010 Florida Building Code, and votes to conduct a supplemental rule adoption hearing. Commission adopts criteria for submitting and process for evaluating Glitch amendments to the 2010 Florida Building Code. Commission recommends Revisions to Part II, Chapter 553, Florida Statutes, to conform requirements with the format and terminology of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, to resolve possible not-equivalent standards, to eliminate redundant and non-essential requirements, and to enhance certain requirements for accessibility. Commission reviews results of annual effectiveness assessment survey and Workplan prioritization exercise.

**APRIL 2011**


**JUNE 2011**

Commission conducts a Rule Adoption Hearing on Rule 9N-1, 2010 Florida Building Code, concurrently considers Glitch Amendments to the 2010 Code, and votes to proceed with rule adoption. Commission conducts Rule Development
Workshop on Rule 9N-4, 2012 Florida Accessibility Code, and votes to proceed with rule adoption with an implementation date of March 15, 2011. Commission receives welcome to their new administrative agency, from Department of Business and Professional Regulations, Division of Professions Director, Tim Vaccaro. Commission conducts second in a series of assessment workshops soliciting stakeholder input regarding enhancements to the Florida Building Code System.

**AUGUST 2011**

**OCTOBER 2011**

**DECEMBER 2011**

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**2012 MILESTONES**

**JANUARY 2012**

**February/March 2012**


**April 2012**

Commission appoints members and convenes the *Screen Enclosures Workgroup* in response to 2012 legislation. Commission adopts teleconference/virtual meeting participation guidelines revisions. Commission votes to conduct teleconference rule development workshops for Rule 9N-3.015, the Product Approval Rule, Rule 9B-70.002 (3)(a)(e)(f)(g), the Education Rule, and Rule 9N-2.002, the Florida Building Code. Commission votes to convey relevant Building Code System Assessment project recommendations to DBPR by forwarding them to the Agency with a letter of explanation from the Commission Chair.

**May 2012**

Commission conducts teleconference meeting on May 4, 2012 and votes to schedule a rule development workshop for Rule 61G20 – 1.001(1) necessary to address issues meeting the ‘threshold established by 553.73(8)* commonly referred to as “glitch code amendments”. Commission conducts teleconference meeting on May 18, 2012 and votes to proceed with rule adoption for approved changes regarding Rule 61G-2.002(4) Statewide Amendment to the Florida Building Code, Rule 61G-3.015 Equivalence of Standards, and Rule 61G-6.002 Commission Approval and Accreditation of Advanced Building Code Training Courses.

**June 2012**

Commission conducts rule development workshop on Rule 61G20-4.001 & 4.002, Accessibility Code (Waiver Form and Procedures) to consider changes to the 2010 Florida Accessibility Code by providing clarification that enforcement of the barrier removal requirement is solely within the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, and proposed revisions to the forms and procedures for applying for a waiver or modification of Florida-specific accessibility standards in the Code. Commission conducts rule development workshop on Rule 61G20-1.001(1), Florida Building Code, and adopts “Glitch” amendments to the 2010 Florida Energy Code. Commission votes to proceed with rule adoption for Rules 61G20-4.001 & 4.002 and 61G20-1.001(1). Commission creates new Swimming Pool TAC to address new authorities regarding swimming pool construction. Based on *Hinged Entry Doors Workgroup* feedback Commission votes to disband the Workgroup based on

**JULY 2012**

Commission conducts Teleconference meeting and votes to amend their action regarding proceeding with rule development for Rule 61G20-1.001(1), Florida Building Code, from conducting a rule adoption hearing to conducting a supplemental rule development workshop at the August 7, 2012 Commission meeting.

**AUGUST 2012**

Commission revises Declaratory Statement review process from two readings to one reading to enhance efficacy of the process. Commission revises Teleconference Participation process to ensure participants identify themselves when speaking. Commission conducts rule development workshops on Rule 61G20-1.001(1), Florida Building Code and Rule 61G20-1.002, Alternative Design Method for Screen Enclosures and moves to proceed with rule adoption. Commission hears preliminary report regarding issues for 2013 Legislative Session.

**OCTOBER 2012**


**DECEMBER 2012**

Commission unanimously adopts Code Review Process for the Commission’s review of proposed code modifications for the 2013 Code Update process, and TAC review process of public comments on TAC recommendations regarding proposed Code modifications for the 2013 Florida Building Code. Commission votes unanimously to initiate rule development for Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Building Code Adopted, for the purpose of adopting approved Code modifications for the 2013 Florida Building Code. Commission receives four new Commissioner appointments and three reappointments. Commission discusses scope of Threshold Building Renovations Workgroup and agrees to send letter to Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE) requesting written clarification by providing a more narrowly defined scope of the specific issues they would like the Commission to address regarding special inspections of the alterations and renovations of threshold buildings. Commission agrees to conduct Workplan Prioritization Exercise and Effectiveness Assessment Survey between December 2012 and February 2013, and to review results at the April 2013
meeting. The Building Code System Uniform Implementation Evaluation Workgroup (BCSUIE) meets for the second time on December 4, 2012 and clarifies scope of project by identifying key priority issues for evaluation.

2013 MILESTONES

JANUARY 2013
Commission TACs meet in January 2013 to review and provide comments to the Commission regarding public comment on TAC recommendations regarding proposed 2013 Code modifications. Commission conducts teleconference meeting to orient new Commissioners regarding Commission policies and procedures and to discuss the 2013 Code Update process.

FEBRUARY 2013

APRIL 2013
MAY 2013

JUNE 2013

JULY 2013

AUGUST 2013

OCTOBER 2013
The Commission meets in Orlando and receives eight new appointments and one reappointment. Commission conducts a rule development workshop on Rule 61G20-6.002, FAC, pertaining to Building Code Education and votes to approve associated regulatory costs and to conduct a supplemental rule development
workshop. Commission conducts a supplemental rule development workshop on Product Approval rules 61G20-3.001, 61G20-3.002 and 61G20-3.007 for the purpose of implementing changes to the Product Approval System necessary to implement 2013 statutory changes to Section 553.842, F.S., Product Evaluation and Approval and approves associated regulatory costs, and proceeds with rule adoption for rules 61G20-3.001, 61G20-3.002. Commission votes to conduct a supplemental rule development workshop on Rule 61G20-3.007, for the purpose of revising the payment screen as needed to correlate with approved changes in administration of the Product Approval System. Commission approves funding proposed research projects based on funding estimates, and research and administrative oversight from University of Florida. Commission approves DBPR staff assuming administration of the Product Approval System starting January 1, 2014; receives an update regarding DOJ certification of the Florida Accessibility Code and receives briefings on relevant legal matters. Finally, the Commission adopts resolutions of commendation for retired Commissioners and DBPR staff.

**DECEMBER 2013**

The Commission meets in St. Pete Beach and discusses administration of the Binding and Non-Binding Interpretations of the Florida Building Code process deciding stakeholders should pursue statutory changes to address stakeholder concerns pertaining to the binding interpretation process; conducts a rule development workshop on Rule 61G20-6.002, FAC, pertaining to Building Code Education for the purpose of revising the rule to allow the approval of courses that are based on Commission approves changes to the Code that are not yet formally adopted by rule; conducts a rule development workshop on Product Approval Rule 61G20-3.007 for the purpose of revising the payment screen as needed to correlate with approved changes in administration of the Product Approval System; conducts a rule development workshop on Product Approval Rule 61G20-3.015, FAC, pertaining to Product Approval Equivalence of Standards, for the purpose of approving additional standards and associated regulatory costs; and, approves funding of additional proposed research projects based on funding estimates provided, and research and administrative oversight from the University of Florida.

**2014 MILESTONES**

**FEBRUARY 2014**

The Commission meets in St. Augustine and is briefed on relevant legislation pending for the 2014 Legislative Session. The Commission is briefed on DBPR's filing of a Notice of Correction to add language relating to legislative ratification to the Summary of Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs and Legislative Ratification pertaining to Product Approval Rules 61G20-3.001 (Scope) and Rule 3.002 (Definitions). Commission approves dates for 2014 Legislative teleconference Commission meetings.

**APRIL 2014**

The Commission meets in Kissimmee and is briefed on relevant legislation pending for the 2014 Legislative Session. The Commission is briefed on the adoption of the *Florida Building Code Fifth Edition* (2014); and a summary of issues and
recommendations pertaining to the Commission’s Annual Report (FY 2013-2014). The Commission approved the Education POC’s recommendations for revisions to the Education Rule, voting to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-6.002, Commission Approval and Accreditation of Advanced Building Code Training Courses, and to conduct a rule adoption hearing only if requested.

**JUNE 2014**

The Commission meets in St. Augustine and is briefed on adoption of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code (2014). The Commission approved 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*. The Commission responds to JAPC’s request for advice 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. The Commission approves 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. The Commission adopts the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 Annual Report with the inclusion of relevant Commission actions taken during the June meeting, and charges the Chair with reviewing and approving the final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor.

**AUGUST 2014**

The Commission meets in St. Pete Beach and is briefed on adoption of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code (2014). The Commission approves the formation of an Interim Binding Interpretations Panel and the appointment of the eight members recommended for the Panel. The Commission approves funding the research projects for fiscal year 2014-2015 as recommended by the TAC chairs on the basis that the proposed projects evaluated met the three criteria for funding: 1.) definition of research and/or technical enrichment, 2.) urgency/immediacy, and needed for the 2014 FBC, and 3.) funding available (full or partial), and approving them for funding based on the funding levels recommended by the TAC chairs, and staff administering and overseeing the research, and negotiating contracting as appropriate. The Commission approves DBPR legal staff’s recommendations for revising the draft Education Rule language to address JAPC’s comments as detailed in the letter responding to JAPC, by issuing a Notice of Change, and proceeding with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-6.002, Commission Approval and Accreditation of Advanced Building Code Training Courses. The Commission changes the Product Approval application submittal completion deadline, by moving it back by one week to the current preliminary review deadline date for the product approval application cycle.

**OCTOBER 2014**

The Commission meets in Daytona Beach and votes to revise the tentative effective date of the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code to no earlier than June 30, 2015. The Commission votes to convene a *Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup* to review and evaluate all of the regulatory requirements impacting the code development process, and to develop recommendations to create a legislative path to a more effective timetable for the implementation of Florida Building Code updates.
The Commission votes to maintain the requirement for local governments to submit forms submitted to certify compliance with the Energy Code through the development of a separate rule from the Building Code Rule, and schedules a rule development workshop for the December 2014 meeting.

**November 2014**
The Commission conducts a telephonic rule adoption hearing on November 13, 2014, and moves to approve the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014) as posted on the BCIS (Supplement plus the foundation code) for adoption by reference within Rule 61G20-1.001; authorizing the Department to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule with regard to the same and establishing within that notice a hearing date and time to be conducted by communications media technology, specifically conference call and webinar as soon as practicable.

**December 2014**
The Commission meets in Daytona Beach and votes to revise the product approval deadline completion date for application submittal to provide additional time for the process. Commission approves the Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) and Legislative Ratification as completed for Rule 61G20-4.001, Procedures (Waiver Application Form). Commission discusses participation in the ICC code development process and refers the issue to the Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup. Commission receives a report on a binding interpretation issued by the Commission’s Interim Binding Interpretation Panel. Chairman Browdy appoints Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup members.

### 2015 Milestones

**January 2015**
The Commission conducts a rule adoption hearing on the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014), approves a Notice of Correction to address JAPC comments, and moves to proceed with rule adoption.

**February 2015**
The Commission meets in Tampa and votes to approve 2015 legislative issues teleconference meetings schedule. Commission is briefed that Rule 61G20-1.001, which adopts by reference the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, was filed for certification with the Department of State, and the effective date for the new Code is June 30, 2015.

**April 2015**

**June 2015**
The Commission meets in Gainesville and votes to extend the period for the public to propose modifications to the 2015 I Codes and the Preliminary Supplement to six months, by providing a window for submitting modifications of from July 1, 2015 – January 1, 2016, and adjusting the schedule for development of the Florida Building
Code, 6th Edition (2017) accordingly. The Commission votes to initiate emergency rulemaking to approve the suggested emergency rule language presented by the petition regarding the date of enforcement of the blower door test and mechanical ventilation requirements contained within the 5th edition of the Florida Building Code as emergency rule number 61G20ER15-2 and finding that this language is only that language necessary to alleviate the immediate danger to the health safety or welfare, and that the Department shall only file the approved emergency language if a legislative solution is not effective before June 30, 2015. The Commission votes to initiate non-emergency rule development to promulgate appropriate rules to address the date of enforcement of the blower door test and mechanical ventilation requirements contained within the 5th Edition of the Florida Building Code. The Commission votes to initiate non-emergency rule development to promulgate appropriate rules to address the second fire service access elevator requirement contained within the Florida Building Code-Building, 5th Edition (2014). The Commission votes to approve the proposed rule text for revisions to Rule 61G20-4.001, Procedures, the SERC, and to proceed with rule adoption for Rule 61G20-4.001, Procedures, conducting a rule adoption hearing only if requested. The Commission votes to approve the Energy Code Compliance Software for the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, specifically EnergyGauge Summit 5.1 for demonstrating compliance with commercial building energy requirements and EnergyGauge USA 4.0.01 for demonstrating compliance with residential building energy requirements. The Commission votes to move forward with the recommendations and incorporated comments regarding the report titled: Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction Review and Recommendations. The Commission votes to adopt the Commission’s Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 Draft Annual Report.

AUGUST 2015

The Commission meets in Daytona Beach and votes to approve the updated workplan for development of the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017) opting for rulemaking via an integrated Code, and conducting the Glitch amendment process, if needed, after the 2017 Code becomes effective. The Commission votes to adopt the Energy TAC’s recommendation, approving that no further action is required regarding rule development for Rule 61G20-1.004, F.A.C., Effective Date for Blower Door and Mechanical Ventilation Requirements; and, to adopt the Fire TAC’s recommendation, approving that no further action is required regarding rule development for Rule 61G20-1.003, F.A.C., Effective Date for Second Emergency Elevator Requirements. The Commission votes to authorize DBPR staff to initiate the process to repeal Rule 61G20-1.002, F.A.C., Alternative Design Method for Screen Enclosures; and, to authorize DBPR staff to initiate the process to repeal Rule 61G20-2.004, F.A.C., Notice of Rights. The Commission votes to approve Energy Code Compliance Software for the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, specifically REScheck for demonstrating compliance with residential building energy requirements. In addition, the Commission votes to approve funding research projects for fiscal year 2015-2016 as recommended by the TAC chairs on the basis that the approved projects meet the three criteria for funding: 1.) definition of research and/or technical enrichment, 2.) urgency/immediacy, and needed for the 2017 FBC and/or legislative directive, and 3.) funding available (full or partial); and are approved for funding based on the TAC
The Commission meets in Daytona Beach and votes unanimously to adopt the updated Workplan for the 2017 Code Update Process pursuant to the process adopted by the Commission for the development of the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017)—specifically, conducting a Glitch amendment process after the Code’s effective date (rulemaking via an Integrated Code). The Commission votes unanimously to approve conducting a public hearing in conjunction with the December 2015 Commission meeting for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the recommendations from the report titled: Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction Review and Recommendations. The Commission votes unanimously to adopt the Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup’s consensus package of recommendations. The Commission votes unanimously to adopt the Swimming Pool TAC’s and Electrical TAC’s swimming pool safety consensus package of recommendations focused on the prevention of electrocution in swimming pools.


**APRIL 2016**

The Commission meets in Gainesville and votes unanimously to authorize the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to open Rules 61G20-1.001 and 61G20-3.008 for development of rulemaking and to delegate authority to Jim Richmond to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes unanimously to adopt the Summary of Issues for inclusion in the Commission’s Fiscal-Year 2015 - 2016 Annual Report.

**MAY 2016**

The Commission conducts a teleconference meeting and votes unanimously to provide $9,300 in funding to Building a Safer Florida (BASF) for a research project to be conducted by the University of Florida’s Rinker School of Construction regarding building construction workforce training in Florida.

**JUNE 2016**

The Commission meets in Gainesville and votes unanimously to adopt the approved rule text for revisions to Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Building Code, to authorize the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rule 61G20-1.001, to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-1.001 and, to delegate authority to Jim Richmond to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes unanimously to adopt the approved rule text for revisions to Rule 61G20-3.008, Product Approval (Entities), to authorize the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rule 61G20-3.008, to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-3.008, conducting a rule adoption hearing only if requested and, to delegate authority to Jim Richmond to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes unanimously to approve the Energy Code Compliance Software update for the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, specifically EnergyGauge USA 5.1 for demonstrating compliance with residential building energy requirements. The Commission votes unanimously to approve the amended Workplan for the 2017 Code Update Process—6th Edition Florida Building Code (2017). The Commission votes unanimously to convene the Calder Sloan Swimming Pool Electrical Safety Task Force after July 1, 2017, and to charge the Task Force with reviewing the issues identified from the public comment provided during the May 24, 2016 concurrent Swimming Pool TAC and Electrical TAC teleconference meeting. The Commission votes unanimously to convene an Energy Rating Index Workgroup, and to charge the Workgroup with developing consensus recommendations to the Commission pursuant to Section 34 of HB 535 regarding onsite renewable power generation. The Commission votes unanimously to adopt the FY 2015-2016 Commission Annual Report.

**AUGUST 2016**

The Commission meets in Ft. Lauderdale and votes unanimously to adopt the Commission’s package of recommendations of approved Code modifications for the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017), to proceed with rule making and to delegate
authority to Jim Richmond to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes to approve funding the research projects for fiscal year 2016 - 2017 as recommended by the Committee of TAC Chairs on the basis that the proposed projects evaluated meet the definition of “research” and/or “technical enrichment”, and are approved for funding based on the TAC chairs’ recommendations, and staff administering and overseeing the research, and to charge staff with negotiating scoping and contracting as appropriate.

The Commission votes unanimously to adopt the consensus package of recommendations submitted by the Calder Sloan Swimming Pool Electrical Safety Task Force, and to charge the Chair with reviewing and approving the final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor. The Commission votes unanimously to approve the revised text for Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Building Code which has been modified in response to comments received from JAPC, and authorize the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to proceed with publishing the Notice of Change for Rule 61G20-1.001, and also to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-1.001 by filing the adopted Rule with the Secretary of State and to delegate authority to Jim Richmond to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission.

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Commission conducts a teleconference meeting and votes unanimously to approve the certification letter linked to the Agenda, with authority for staff to make edits as needed and for Chairman Browdy to sign on behalf of the Commission, and to certify that the commercial building provisions of the proposed Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017), Energy Conservation, will meet the 2013 edition of the Energy Standard for Buildings, Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)/ Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) Standard 90.1, as referenced by the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, for buildings other than low-rise residential.

The Commission votes to adopt the Energy Rating Index Workgroup’s and Energy TAC’s package of consensus recommendations; to conduct a supplemental rule hearing on Rule 61G20-1.001 on October 13, 2016, regarding the inclusion of the recommended Code provisions into the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014); and, to authorize the Chair to approve the report submitted to the Legislature pursuant to Section 34 of HB 535. Jim Richmond resigns as the Commission’s second executive director effective September 8, 2016. Tom Campbell is appointed as the Commission’s third executive director effective September 23, 2016.

**OCTOBER 2016**

The Commission meets in Gainesville and votes unanimously to approve the proposed rule text for revisions to Rule 61G20-1.001, Florida Building Code Adopted, in response to comments received from the Energy Rating Index Workgroup, DBPR staff, and the public; and, to authorize the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Change for Rule 61G20-1.001, and to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-1.001; and, to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes unanimously to approve the amended Workplan for the 2017 Code Update Process—Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017). The Commission votes unanimously to amend the Commission’s adopted package of recommendations of approved Code
modifications for the *Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017)* to include the Commission’s action on EN 6727 and EN 6933; to proceed with rule making; and, to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission receives a presentation on the findings from the University of Florida’s Building Codes Triage Team regarding their investigation pursuant to a contract with DBPR/FBC to collect buildings damage data from the impacts of Hurricane Matthew.

**DECEMBER 2016**

The Commission meets in St. Pete Beach and votes unanimously to authorize DBPR staff to schedule a special expedited concurrent Product Approval POC and Commission meeting on January 17, 2017 for the purpose of addressing previously approved applications that need to be revised as a result of the BCIS system glitch to ensure that all files submitted to support product approval applications are updated and correct. The Commission receives a presentation regarding St. Johns County’s investigations of damage from the impacts of Hurricane Matthew.

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**2017 MILESTONES**

**JANUARY 2017**

The Commission conducts a concurrent teleconference meeting with the Product Approval POC on January 17, 2017 for the purpose of conducting a special expedited meeting for the purpose of addressing previously approved applications that need to be revised as a result of the BCIS system glitch to ensure that all files submitted in support of the product approval applications are updated and correct.

**FEBRUARY 2017**

The Commission meets in Jacksonville on February 7, 2017 and votes to incorporate the Commission’s approved actions on comments submitted regarding the Draft *Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017)*; to authorize staff to make editorial and correlation changes as needed, and to implement the integration of carried forward Florida specific amendments for the 2017 Code Update; and, to continue with rule development.

**APRIL 2017**

The Commission meets in Ocala on April 4, 2017 and votes to incorporate the Commission’s approved actions on comments submitted regarding the Draft 6th Edition Florida Building Code (2017), authorizes staff to make editorial and correlation changes as needed, to implement the integration of carried forward Florida specific amendments for the 2017 Code Update, authorizes the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rule 61G20-1.001, and to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-1.001. The Commission votes to approve the amended Workplan/Schedule for the 2017 Code Update Process—6th Edition Florida Building Code (2017). The Commission votes to adopt the Summary of Issues for inclusion in the Commission’s Fiscal-Year 2016 - 2017 Annual Report. The Commission determines that pursuant to Section 120.695, F.S., there were no rule sections within the Commission’s authority that would constitute a minor violation.
**MAY 2017**
The Commission conducts a teleconference meeting on May 12, 2017 and votes to certify to the Department of Energy that the residential building provisions of the proposed 6th Edition Florida Building Code (2017), Energy Conservation (FEC), will meet or exceed the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, for low-rise residential buildings; and, to approve the draft certification letter linked to the FBC Agenda with authorization for staff to make editorial revisions as needed. The Commission votes to accept the Interim Report titled: *Survey and Investigation of Buildings Damaged by Category III Hurricanes in FY 2016-17—Hurricane Matthew*. The Commission votes to adopt the legislative provisions specified in the supplement that become effective on July 1, 2017, to incorporate staff's correlations specified in the supplement into the Draft 6th Edition Florida Building Code (2017), to authorize the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule for Rule 61G20-1.001, to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-1.001, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission.

**JUNE 2017**
The Commission meets in Daytona Beach Shores on June 13, 2017 and votes to authorize the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to initiate rulemaking for Rules 61G20-1.005, 61G20-2.001, and 61G20-2.002 for the purpose of incorporating Legislatively mandated Code amendments to the Florida Building Code, and to make necessary changes to the Commission’s processes for developing the Florida Building Code and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes to incorporate the Commission’s approved actions on comments submitted regarding the Draft 6th Edition Florida Building Code (2017); to authorize staff to make editorial and correlation changes as needed, and to implement the integration of carried forward Florida specific amendments for the 2017 Code Update; and, to authorize the Department of Business & Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Change for Rule 61G20-1.001; and to proceed with the adoption of Rule 61G20-1.001, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes to adopt the Commission's Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 Annual Report, including any Commission actions taken during the June meeting, and to charge the Chair with reviewing and approving the Final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor.

**JUNE 2017**
The Commission conducts a teleconference meeting on June 27, 2017 and votes to accept the Final Report titled: “Survey and Investigation of Buildings Damaged by Category III Hurricanes in FY 2016-17—Hurricane Matthew.”

**AUGUST 2017**
The Commission meets in Deerfield Beach on August 8, 2017 and votes to approve the 2017-2018 Annual Regulatory Plan as presented, and to authorize publication of the Plan by DBPR. The Commission votes to implement the changes to Rule 61G20-2.001 as presented by staff, authorize staff to make editorial changes as needed, authorize the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes to implement the changes to Rule 61G20-2.002
as drafted by staff with authorization for staff to make scoping revisions based on public and Commissioner comments; to leave the rule open and subject to comment for ten additional days prior to publishing the Notice of Proposed Rule; to authorize staff to make editorial and scoping changes as needed; to authorize the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule; and, to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission. The Commission votes to approve the Draft Workplan for development of the 7th Edition (2020) Florida Building Code Update Process. The Commission votes to conditionally approve the Energy Code Compliance Software update for the 5th Edition (2014) Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, specifically Right-Suite Universal 2017 (using Right-Energy Florida 2014) for demonstrating compliance with residential building energy requirements for single-family houses, subject to addressing DBPR staff’s and FSEC’s written comments pursuant to the Energy TAC’s recommendations. The Commission votes to approve funding the research projects for fiscal year 2017 - 2018 as recommended by the Committee of TAC Chairpersons on the basis that the proposed projects evaluated meet the definition of “research” and/or “technical enrichment”, and are approved for funding based on the TAC chairs’ recommendations, and staff administering and overseeing the research, and to charge staff with negotiating scoping and contracting as appropriate.

**OCTOBER 2017**

The Commission meets in Tallahassee on October 9, 2017 and conducts a Rule Development Workshop for Rule 61G20-2.002 (Statewide Amendments to the Florida Building Code), and votes unanimously to implement the changes to Rule 61G20-2.002 and the associated forms as presented by staff, incorporating all approved amendments, authorizing staff to make editorial changes as needed, authorizing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule, and to delegate authority to Thomas Campbell to sign rulemaking documents on behalf of the Chairman of the Florida Building Commission.

**OCTOBER 2017**

The Commission meets in Tallahassee on October 9, 2017 and conducts a plenary session meeting to receive a briefing from the University of Florida regarding preliminary assessments of the impact of Hurricane Irma on the State. The Commission votes unanimously to authorize DBPR staff to develop a project scope based on Commissioner and public comments provided during the meeting for a Phase II formal damage assessment regarding the impacts of Hurricane Irma and the effectiveness of the Florida Building Code, and to develop the scope in consultation with the chairs of the Roofing and Structural TACs, and to negotiate and proceed with contracting with the University of Florida for conducting the research project.

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