FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
MARCH 15, 2010 TELECONFERENCE MEETING REPORT

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

Opening and Meeting Attendance
The meeting was opened at 10:00 AM, and the following Commissioners participated:

Raul L. Rodriguez, AIA, (Chair), Bob Boyer, Dick Browdy (vice-chair), Ed Carson, Kiko Franco, Herminio Gonzalez, Jim Goodloe, Ken Gregory, Dale Greiner, Jeff Gross, Jon Hamrick, Scott Mollan, Nicholas Nicholson, Jim Schock, Chris Schulte, Jeff Stone, Tim Tolbert, and Randall Vann.

DCA Staff Present
Rick Dixon, Ila Jones, Mo Madani, and Jim Richmond.

Meeting Facilitation
The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from the FCRC Consensus center at Florida State University. Information at: http://consensus.fsu.edu/

Project Webpage
Information on the project, including agenda packets, meeting reports, and related documents may be found in downloadable formats at the project webpage below: http://consensus.fsu.edu/FBC/index.html

Agenda Review and Approval
The Commission voted unanimously, 18 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda as presented including the following objectives:

➢ To Hear a Legislative Update
➢ To Discuss Relevant Legislative Issues

Legislative Issues Update
Jim Richmond, Commission Attorney, provided an update on legislative issues of interest to the Commission from the 2010 Florida Legislative Session, and answered member's questions. Jim provided the Commission with a status update on SB 648 (Bennett: Commission’s recommendations), HB 663 (Aubuchon: expedited product approval, and roof mounted mechanical equipment), HB 975 (Fetterman/Porth: reactive drywall taskforce), SB 1044 (Aronberg: reactive drywall taskforce), SB 2694 (Constantine: Commission’s recommendations), and HB 7095/SB 846 (Bennett: prevent adoption of ICC residential sprinkler requirements).
Jim reported that Senator Bennett requested that the Commission Chair provide a letter with the Commission’s recommendations regarding adding IAPMO to the list of approved product approval evaluation entities, and eliminating the Commission’s rulemaking authority to adopt criteria for approving product approval evaluation entities.

**Commission Actions:**

**Motion**—The Commission voted, 16 - 2 in favor, to authorize Chairman Rodriguez to send a letter to Senator Bennett outlining the Commission’s vote regarding adding IAPMO to the list of approved product approval evaluation entities, and eliminating the Commission’s rulemaking authority to adopt criteria for approving product approval evaluation entities.

Following is the action taken by the Commission in their Report to the 2010 Legislature:

*The Commission recommends amending the list of product approval evaluation entities in law to include IAPMO Evaluation Service (ES), while also updating the current list to eliminate entities no longer in existence and alphabetizing the list of approved evaluation entities. The Commission recommends that the law be revised to eliminate the Commission’s adoption of rule criteria.*

**Overview of Legislative Issues Update:**

Jim reported that based on the Commission’s feedback from the March 8, 2010 Teleconference meeting amendments are being offered to proposed legislation. Following are the amendments to address the Commission’s comments/concerns:

As Strike-all to CS for 663, substitute the following for what appears between lines 1185 and 1189:

(15) The Florida Building Code or any agency or local government may not require that existing mechanical equipment on the surface of a roof be installed in compliance with the requirements in the code until the equipment must be removed or the mechanical equipment is replaced.

As Strike-all to CS for 663, substitute the following for what appears between lines 1464 and 1475:

the Florida Building Code. An application for state approval of a product under subparagraph 1. must be approved by the department after the commission staff or a designee verifies that the application and related documentation are complete. This verification must be completed within 10 business days after receipt of the application. Upon approval by the department, the product shall be immediately added to the list of state-approved products maintained under subsection (13). Approvals by the department shall be reviewed and ratified by the commission’s program oversight committee except for a showing of good cause that a review by the full commission is necessary. The commission shall adopt rules pertaining to means to cure deficiencies identified within submittals related to products approved using this process.
As Strike-all to CS for 663, substitute the following for what appears between lines 1554 and 1562:

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, exposed mechanical equipment or appliances fastened to a roof in compliance with the code using rated stands, platforms, curbs, slabs, or other means are deemed to comply with the wind resistance requirements of the 2007 Florida Building Code, as amended. Further support or enclosure of such mechanical equipment or appliances is not required by a state or local official having authority to enforce the Florida Building Code. This subsection expires on the effective date of the 2010 Florida Building Code.

Adjourn
The Commission voted unanimously, 18 – 0 in favor, to adjourn at 10:40 AM.