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FEBRUARY 20, 2015 FACILITATOR'S MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S KEY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Browdy welcomed the Commission, DBPR staff and the public to Tampa and the February 20, 2015 plenary session of the Florida Building Commission. The Chair noted the primary focus of the February meeting, in addition to considering regular procedural issues including product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, petitions for declaratory statements, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees, was for the purpose of receiving an update on the work of the Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup, and planning for the 2015 Legislative Session.

The 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 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 Chair noted that public input is welcome, but should be offered before there is a formal motion on the floor.

Chairman Browdy explained that some of the licensing boards located within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, have adopted rules regarding continuing education credits for attending Florida Building Commission meetings and/or Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Participants whose board participates may sign-in on the laptop kiosk station located in the meeting room.

I. PLENARY SESSION SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

At the February 20, 2015 meeting the Commission considered and decided on Chair's issues and recommendations, product and entity approvals, applications for accreditor and course approvals, petitions for declaratory statements, accessibility waivers, and recommendations from the Commission's various committees. The Commission: received a report 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 will be June 30, 2015. In addition, the Commission received an update regarding the progress of and schedule for the Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup. Specific actions included: voting unanimously to approve the schedule for 2015 Legislative issues teleconference meetings.

(Attachment 1—Meeting Evaluation Results)

II. COMMISSION ATTENDANCE

The following Commissioners attended the Friday, February 20, 2015 meeting:

Dick Browdy (Chair), Hamid Bahadori, Steve Bassett, James Batts, Bob Boyer, Donald Brown, Oscar Calleja, Jay Carlson, David Compton, Nan Dean, Kevin Flanagan, Charles Frank, David Gilson, Jeff Gross, Robert Hamberger, Brian Langille, Beth Meyer, Darrell Phillips, Brad Schiffer, Frederick Schilling, Jim Schock, Drew Smith, Jeff Stone, and Brian Swope.

(24 of 25 seated Commissioners attended).

Absent Commissioners:

Tim Tolbert.

DBPR STAFF PRESENT

Chris Burgwald, Jim Hammers, April Hammonds, 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/>



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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>

III. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the agenda for the February 20, 2015 meeting as presented/posted. Following are the key agenda items approved for consideration:

- To Consider Regular Procedural Issues: Agenda Approval and Approval of the December 12, 2014 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, and January 22, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes.
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval.
- To Consider/Decide on Legal Issues: Petitions for Declaratory Statements.
- To Receive a Report of Legislative Issues.
- To Consider/Decide on Technical Advisory Committees (TACs): Accessibility; and Code Administration TAC Report/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Program Oversight Committees (POCs): Education and Product Approval POC Reports/Recommendations.
- To Receive Public Comment.
- To Discuss Commissioner Comments and Issues.
- To Review Committee Assignments and Issues for the Next Meeting—April 14, 2015 in Gainesville, Florida.

Amendments to the Posted Agenda:

There were no amendments to the posted/presented Agenda.

(Attachment 4—February 20, 2015 Commission Agenda)

IV. DECEMBER 12, 2014 FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY REPORT AND MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 5, 2015 FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY REPORT AND MEETING MINUTES, AND JANUARY 22, 2015 MINUTES

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the December 12, 2014 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, and January 22, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes as presented/posted.

Amendments: There were no amendments offered.

V. CHAIR’S DISCUSSION ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Appointments and Reappointments

The Chair reported that he expected an appointment for the Residential Contractor position, and the reappointments of Commissioners Calleja, Schilling and Schock prior to the April 2015 Commission meeting.

Recognition of Departmental Dignitaries

The Chair welcomed Drew Winters, Deputy Division Director, DBPR Division of Professions, and noted that Drew has been assigned direct responsibility for the Office of Codes and Standards/Florida Building Commission within the Department. The Chair also welcomed Will Spicola, the new General Counsel for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, noting that Will succeeded Layne Smith.

Drew Winters thanked the Commission for the important work they do, and noted that DBPR is happy to provide the Commission with any needed support. Drew noted that the Commission is important to DBPR, and also thanked the Chair and DBPR staff for their hard work. Will Spicola expressed that DBPR appreciates the hard work the Commission does, and noted that the Office of General Counsel is a resource for the Commission.

Conference Call Practices

The Chair explained that going forward the Commission would be taking roll call at the beginning and end of each telephonic Commission meeting. The Chair requested that members not sign-off until the roll call at the end of the meeting is complete.

Legislative Update Conference Call Meeting Dates

The Chair reported that year the Commission schedules a series of teleconference meetings to receive updates and provide any needed guidance and/or recommendations to staff pertaining to proposed legislation of interest to the Commission. Typically the calls are on Mondays and start at 10:00 AM. The Chair explained that it would be important that Commissioners participate, and the importance of ensuring the Commission has a quorum for each meeting. Following is the schedule approved by the Commission for the 2015 Legislative Session Commission teleconference meetings: March 9, March 23, April 6, April 27 and May 4 with a wrap-up call scheduled for May 11.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to approve the schedule for the 2015 Legislative Session Commission teleconference meetings.

Effective Date of the Florida Building Code

The Chair noted that he was pleased to report 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. The Chair exclaimed that the effective date for the new code would be June 30, 2015.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF ACCESSIBILITY WAIVER APPLICATIONS

April Hammonds, 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:

a. Harding Hotel, 210 63rd Street, Miami Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on historic nature and technical infeasibility.

b. Harry's Pizzeria, 2996-2998 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally grant the waiver based on technical infeasibility, on the condition that signage is placed at the inaccessible entrance guiding people to the accessible entrance.

c. Park Central Hotel, 626-650 Ocean Drive. Miami Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally grant the waiver based on historic nature and technical infeasibility, on the condition that signage is placed in multiple locations directing people to the accessible routes and facilities.

d. Royal Polo, 2940 Collins Av, Miami Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on historic nature and technical infeasibility.

e. Make Your Mark, 1931 19th Place, Vero Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to defer action on the application.

f. Jacqueline, 1321 15 Street, Miami Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on disproportionate cost.

g. 1330, 1330 15th St, Miami Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on disproportionate cost.

h. QOL Medical LLC, 3405 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach FL

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to grant the waiver based on disproportionate cost.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PRODUCT AND ENTITY APPROVAL

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

Commission Actions on the Consent Agendas for Approval:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of product approval entities as posted/presented.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda of products recommended for approval as posted/presented.

Commission Actions Regarding Product Approval Applications With Comments:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product #16980-R1 based on the condition(s) recommended by the POC.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product #17238 based on the condition(s) recommended by the POC.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally approve product #17220 based on the condition(s) recommended by the POC.

The complete results of Commission decisions regarding applications for product and entity approval are available on the BCIS.

(See BCIS Website for Linked Committee Report)

VIII. 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, 23* - 0 in favor, to approve the consent agenda for approval of advanced courses #s: 679.0, 680.0, and 621.0.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally approve advanced course #676.0, subject to the title change in the BCIS and the video submission for review or video verbiage deletion in the "Method of Presentation" section of the syllabus.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to conditionally approve advanced course #681.0, subject to the correct quiz answers being identified.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve administratively approved self-affirmed course #317.1.

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 - 0 in favor, to approve administratively approved self-affirmed course #593.1 as amended (amendment: correcting the course number from 593.0 to 593.1).

* Commissioner Schiffer abstained on the vote due to a conflict of interest with one of the courses.

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

IX. LEGAL REPORT

April Hammonds reported that the Accessibility TAC had developed recommendations regarding the approval of proposed enhancements to the on-line accessibility waiver application form and relevant Rule language. April noted that the Commission will consider the TAC's recommendations at the April 14, 2015 Commission meeting in Gainesville, and at that time move to proceed with rule adoption, conducting a rule adoption hearing only if requested.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENTS

Petitions For Declaratory Statements

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

DS 2014-129 by David Kramer, Building Code Administrator, of University of Florida

Motion—The Commission voted, 23 - 1 in favor, to approve the Accessibility TAC's recommendations on the Petition (to approve staff's analysis/recommendation as amended on Question 1, and staff's analysis/recommendation as provided on Question 2).

DS 2014-152 by Bryce Brandon of Euramax International Inc.

Motion—The Commission voted, 22 - 2 in favor, to approve the Product Approval POC's recommendation on the Petition (to approve staff's analysis/recommendation as amended by the POC).

DS 2014-163 by Robert S. Fine representing All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC

Motion—The Commission voted, 23 - 1 in favor, to approve the Code Administration TAC's recommendations on the Petition as provided (to approve staff's analysis including the Petitioner's proposed answers to the questions posed in the Petition).

X. BINDING INTERPRETATION REPORT

Chairman Browdy reported that there were no new binding interpretations to brief the Commission on.

XI. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jim Richmond reported that several bills were filed impacting the Commission. Jim noted that it was early in the process, and the Commission would have the opportunity to receive updates and discuss legislation during the scheduled Legislative issues teleconference meetings. Jim reported on the following bills:

- HB 413 and SB 466: Provides that permits not be required to maintain, install, inspect, replace or service a smoke detector that is not hard-wired.

- HB 525 and SB 592: Provides that local water conservation practices adopted into the Code are automatically rolled forward into future editions of the Code.
- HB 795 and SB 926: Provides that the Code is explicitly required to include standards for underwater lights in public and private pools and prohibits installation of lights greater than 15 volts.
- SB 1034: Provides that all residential manufactured buildings must include a, “water heating device capable of using heat trapped from incidental sunlight.”

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Browdy 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. Committee reports are linked to the following URL (linked to Commission’s February 20, 2015 Agenda): http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/commission/FBC_0215/index.htm

Accessibility TAC

Commissioner Gross presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (February 11, 2015).

(See Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Code Administration TAC

Commissioner Carlson presented the TAC’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to accept the TAC’s report as presented/posted (February 5, 2015).

(See Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup

Jeff Blair, Workgroup Facilitator, presented the Workgroup’s report and recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to accept the Workgroup’s report as presented/posted (January 30, 2015).

(See Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Education POC

Commissioner Dean presented the POC's reports and any recommendations.

Commission Actions:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC's report as presented/posted (February 12, 2015).

(See Agenda for Linked Committee Report)

Product Approval POC

Commissioner Stone presented the Committee's report and any recommendations.

Commission Action:

MOTION—The Commission voted unanimously, 24 – 0 in favor, to accept the POC's report as presented/posted (February 5, 2015).

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

OTHER COMMISSION ACTIONS

There were no additional Commission actions.

XIII. 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, Chairman Browdy invited members of the public to address the Commission on any issues under the Commission's purview.

Public Comments:

- Nathan Kegel, Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES): requested clarification on how he could get his energy code compliance software approved by the Commission. Indicated that he did not think it was reasonable to demonstrate compliance with the DOE-2 based Building Energy Use and Cost Analysis Software. Noted he felt the software was archaic.
- Mo Madani, DBPR: explained that FSEC developed the compliance manual and Mr. Kegel should discuss the issue with them.
- Jim Richmond, DBPR: recommended that Mr. Kegel discuss this further with staff off-line. Indicated that a declaratory statement could be in order, and that the Commission was not in a posture to respond to his questions during general public comment.
- Larry Schneider, AIA: noted that now that the Accessibility Waiver Application form is now on-line, he would like to have a "pdf" or "word" file to use to help clients manually prepare their applications before they are submitted on-line.
- Jim Richmond, DBPR: indicated that a "pdf" file may be possible. Discussed the possibility of developing a PowerPoint of FAQs.
- Jeff Gross, FBC: A "pdf" checklist regarding what is required for submittal would be helpful.
- April Hammonds, DBPR: reported that the on-line instructional page has a checklist of what information is needed to complete a waiver application.

XIV. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENT AND ISSUES

Chairman Browdy invited Commission members to offer any general comments to the Commission, or identify any issues or agenda items for the next Commission meeting.

Commission Member Comments:

- Steve Bassett: reported that the SJRWMD is interested in the water conservation measures developed by Broward County. Reported that the Broward County E-Permitting Workgroup completed the final draft of a uniform permit application form to be used County wide for voluntary electronic submittal for permits applications.
- Jim Schock: asked when the 5th Edition (2014), Florida Building Code would be published and available.
- Mo Madani, DBPR: indicated that the blue-line draft is almost complete, and he estimates the Code would be available electronically in approximately three weeks.

XV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING OVERVIEW AND ISSUES

The April 14, 2015 meeting in Gainesville will focus on the Commission's regular procedural and substantive issues, and any needed rule development initiatives. In addition, the Commission will receive a preliminary summary of issues for inclusion in the Commission's Annual Report to the Legislature for FY 2014-2015.

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING

There were no specific staff assignments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair thanked Commission members and the public for their attendance and participation, and adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A.M. on Friday, February 20, 2015, following a vote of 24 – 0 in favor of adjournment.

ATTACHMENT 1
FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING EVALUATION RESULTS

FEBRUARY 20, 2015—GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Average rank using a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means totally disagree and 10 means totally agree.

Number of Respondents: 20 of 24 Commissioners present completed meeting evaluations.

1. OVERALL MEETING ASSESSMENT.

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

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

- 9.8 Chairs Issues and Recommendations.
- 9.8 Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- 9.8 Approvals of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- 9.8 Applications for Accreditor and Course Approvals.
- 9.8 Petitions for Requests for Declaratory Statements.
- 9.8 Legislative Issues Report.
- 9.8 TAC, POC and/or Committee Reports and Recommendations.

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

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

4. MEMBERS LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING.

- 9.7 Overall, I am very satisfied with the meeting.
- 9.6 I was very satisfied with the services provided by the Facilitator.
- 9.9 I am satisfied with the outcome of the meeting.

5. HOW WELL THE NEXT STEPS WERE COMMUNICATED.

- 9.8 I know what the next steps following this meeting will be.
- 9.8 I know who is responsible for the next steps.

6. WHAT MEMBERS LIKED BEST ABOUT THE MEETING.

- The chair stays focused and uses protocols to keep the meeting on track.
- Very professional.
- Agenda.
- Stayed on course and agenda.
- Good meeting.
- Structure, location.
- Location, i.e., Tampa.

7. COMMENTS REGARDING HOW THE MEETING COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.

- Larger meeting room.
- Coffee available.
- Coffee.
- The facility did not provide water for a three-hour meeting.

8. OTHER GENERAL COMMENTS.

- Good meeting, Jeff.
- Some links did not electronically connect: i.e., accessibility TAC minutes and waiver applications.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

None were offered.

PUBLIC-MEETING EVALUATION AND COMMENT RESULTS

None were offered.

ATTACHMENT 2
KEY TO COMMON ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
ADA	Americans With Disabilities Act
ADAAG	ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities
BCSA	Florida Building Code System Assessment
BOAF	Building Officials Association of Florida
DACS or FDACS	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
DBPR	Department of Business and Professional Regulations
DCA	Department of Community Affairs (Abolished 2011)
DEP or FDEP	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
DOH or FDOH	Florida Department of Health
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FACBC	Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction
FAR	Florida Administrative Register (previously FAW)
FBC	Florida Building Code
FBC	Florida Building Commission
FECC	Florida Energy and Conservation Code
IBC	International Building Code
ICC	International Code Council
POC	Program Oversight Committee (Education and Product Approval)
SAD	ADA Standards for Accessibility Design
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 3

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 a Building Code Study Commission, 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 legislature enacted the consensus recommendations into law in 1998. In late 1998, the Consortium 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 FCRC Consensus Center at FSU continues to work with the Commission by providing facilitation and consensus-building services.

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.

** The 2014 Legislature amended Section 553.74 (1) F.S., to add a 27th member representing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Office of Energy, effective July 1, 2014.*

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 58 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.

**ATTACHMENT 4
FEBRUARY 20, 2015 MEETING AGENDA**

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
PLENARY SESSION

FEBRUARY 20, 2015
HOLIDAY INN TAMPA WESTSHORE
700 NORTH WESTSHORE BOULEVARD
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- To Approve Regular Procedural Topics (Agenda and Minutes)
- To Consider/Decide on Chair's Discussion Issues/Recommendations.
- To Consider/Decide on Accessibility Waiver Applications.
- To Consider/Decide on Approvals and Revocations of Products and Product Approval Entities.
- To Consider/Decide on Petitions for Declaratory Statement.
- To Consider Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval.
- To Receive a Report on Legislation
- To Receive/Decide on Reports and Recommendations from Committees.
- To Hear Public Comment.
- To Identify Needed Next Steps, Assignments, and Agenda Items For Next Meeting.

Committee and Workgroup Meetings held in conjunction with the Plenary Session

Meetings are held by teleconference and webinar unless otherwise indicated by site identification

January 30	10:00 a.m.	Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup [Tallahassee]
February 5	10:00 a.m.	Product Approval Program Oversight Committee
February 5	2:00 p.m.	Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee
February 9	2:00 p.m.	Accessibility Advisory Council
February 11	1:00 p.m.	Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee
February 12	10:00 a.m.	Education Program Oversight Committee

MEETING AGENDA—FEBRUARY 20, 2015

All Agenda Times—including Adjournment—are Approximate and Subject to Change

8:30 a.m.	1.)	Welcome and Opening, Roll Call
	2.)	Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
	3.)	Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Minutes: December 12, 2014; January 5, 2015; January 22, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report: December 12, 2014; January 5, 2015

	4.)	Chair's Discussion Issues:
	5.)	Accessibility Waiver Applications
		a.) Harding Hotel, 210 63rd Street, Miami Beach FL; b.) Harry's Pizzeria, 2996-2998 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove FL; c.) Park Central Hotel, 626-650 Ocean Drive. Miami Beach FL; d.) Royal Polo, 2940 Collins Av, Miami Beach FL; e.) Make Your Mark, 1931 19th Place, Vero Beach FL; f.) Jacqueline, 1321 15 Street, Miami Beach FL; g.) 1330, 1330 15th St, Miami Beach FL; h.) QOL Medical LLC, 3405 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach FL.
	6.)	Applications for Product and Entity Approval
	7.)	Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval
	8.)	Petitions for Declaratory Statement
		a.) DS 2014-129 by David Kramer of the University of Florida; b.) DS 2014-152 by Bryce Brandon of Euramax International Inc.; c.) DS 2014-163 by Robert S. Fine representing All Aboard Florida – Operations, LLC.
	9.)	Binding Interpretations:
	10.)	Legislative Report
	11.)	Committee Reports:
		a.) Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee; b.) Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee; c.) Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup; d.) Education Program Oversight Committee; e.) Product Approval Program Oversight Committee.
	12.)	Public Comment
	13.)	Commissioner Comment
	14.)	<i>Adjourn</i>

ATTACHMENT 5
COMMISSION’S UPDATED MEETING SCHEDULE AND WORKPLAN

(UPDATED FEBRUARY 20, 2015)

COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

2015	LOCATION
February 20, 2015	Tampa (Holiday Inn Westshore)
April 14, 2015	Gainesville (Hilton)
June 19, 2015	Gainesville (Hilton)
August 2015	TBD
October 2015	TBD
December 2015	TBD

ACCESSIBILITY COUNCIL	EDUCATION POC	PRODUCT APPROVAL POC
February 9, 2015	February 12, 2015	February 5, 2015
April 6, 2015	April 9, 2015	April 2, 2015
June 8, 2015	June 11, 2015	June 4, 2015