

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION  
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION COST IMPACT WORKGROUP  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
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WEB PARTICIPATION URL: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/560779561>  
MEETING ID/ACCESS CODE: 560-779-461  
MARCH 16, 2018  
2:00 p.m.**

**WORKGROUP MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Lee Arsenault            | Ray Puzzitiello |
| Alan Gremillion          | Bill Smock      |
| Rick Goff (Commissioner) | Jeremy Stewart  |

**WORKGROUP MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

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| Ed Dion | Mike Keesee |
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**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:**

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| Tom Campbell   | Justin Vogel |
| Mo Madani      | Chris Howell |
| Chris Burgwald | Joe Bigelow  |

**MEETING FACILITATION:**

The meeting was facilitated by Jeff Blair from the FCRC Consensus Center at Florida State University. Information at: <http://consensus.fsu.edu/>

**Welcome and Introduction:**

Mr. Blair welcomed Workgroup members, staff and the public to the March 6, 2018 Teleconference meeting of the Residential Construction Cost Impact Workgroup. He provided an overview of the requirements regarding teleconference participation.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Blair called the roll and a quorum was determined with 5 of 8 members present.

**Agenda Review and Approval:**

Mr. Blair covered the agenda and purpose of the meeting today. He then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as posted.

Mr. Puzzitiello entered a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Commissioner Goff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. Blair asked if there were any Commissioners on the call. Commissioner Schock and Chairman Carlson were identified on the call.

Mr. Gremillion joined the call.

**Background and Reference Material:**

Mr. Madani provided a power point presentation of the Development and Adoption of the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition 2020 Florida Building Code process.

Mr. Madani further addressed the workgroup with an additional presentation on code review 2018 changes to the International Codes. He advised of the copyright notice regarding the ICC code changes,

Mr. Madani continued explaining the tracking charts that will be used in the code review process.

Mr. Bigelow provided a demonstration online of the process to get to the ICC Web pages to view 2018 changes to the I-Code. He provided the screens to get to the Florida Building Code online (BCIS) and the links to select to get to the ICC page as well as the NEC web pages.

Mr. Campbell advised the group that we will send them an e-mail with the links to get to these pages.

**Workgroup questions:** none

**Public Comments (cont.):**

**Public Comments:**

Commissioner Schock asked if the workgroup will have access to the report from the University of Florida research project on their cost evaluation.

Mr. Madani advised the report will not be completed until June.

Doug Buck, FHBA stated he felt this was a very detailed group of material and there is a lot to understand. He said he felt this may be overwhelming to this group. Mr. Buck provided additional statements of the purpose of this group. He wanted to ask the group if they had noted concerns at this time.

There were no concerns expressed at this time by the workgroup.

Mr. Buck also asked about the Sunshine Law.

**Sunshine Law:**

Mr. Vogel, Legal Counsel provided the workgroup detailed information on the Sunshine Law and their responsibilities under this law.

**Workgroup comments:** There were no comments from the group on the law.

Mr. Campbell advised this law does not prohibit them from calling staff to ask for clarification, assistance or to have questions answered.

Mr. Buck advised many of the members are part of his association and there will be conferences and presentations from some of these members. He said there may be members as part of the audience and he needs clarification on decisions and positions of the Home Builders Association.

Mr. Vogel advised that he would have to look at this further for him to ensure that there is clarity. He said he would caution any member discussions among each other regarding workgroup activity.

**Workplan:**

Mr. Madani provided the work plan for the group including the objective. Additionally he discussed the schedule advising there are two options for the next workgroup meetings and the pros and cons of each.

**Workplan (cont.):**

Option #1 meeting after the TACs review on 8/15/2018.

**Location:** On-site meeting in conjunction with the August Commission meeting in Miami.

**Objective:** Review the TACs' recommendations with regard to the 2018 changes to the International Residential Code (IRC) and provide comments to the Commission on impactful code changes.

Option #2 meeting before the TACs review on 4/09/2018.

**Location:** On-site meeting in conjunction with the April Commission meeting in Lake Mary.

**Objective:** Review the 2018 changes to the International Residential Code (IRC) and provide comments to the TACs/Commission on impactful code changes.

He continued with the additional meetings that will need to take place in 2019 to complete the process.

Mr. Puzzitiello asked if meeting before the TAC meetings would require review of all 317 code changes verses after just review of the TAC recommended changes.

Mr. Madani stated yes.

Mr. Puzzitiello asked if he final approval will be at the TAC meetings.

Mr. Blair stated they meet and make recommendations to the Commission for the final decision.

Mr. Gremillion asked if the cost was substantially high the TAC could not change their recommendations based on this groups findings?

Mr. Madani stated that the changes would be made by the Commission; there are no plans for the TACs to meet again on changes to the I-Code.

Mr. Belcher stated that they could present to the Commission if they wished to ask for a change if they thought it would be necessary.

Mr. Arsenault asked if there were any benefits to meeting before.

Mr. Madani stated that if they meet before, comments from the workgroup would be part of the chart going to the TAC.

**Workplan (cont.):**

Mr. Buck stated from the workload the latter option would be best with less work and focus would be on the most important.

Mr. Puzzitiello entered a motion to select Option #1. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion followed and there was a decision to ask for a date change due to meetings in Orlando for the trade shows that are taking place at the same time and most of this group would be at these meetings.

Mr. Campbell stated we can look at a date adjustment and we will send additional information via email to the group.

Mr. Blair provided the pros and cons again of each option. He stated there can be a modification of the motion if acceptable by Mr. Puzzitiello and Mr. Stewart to amend the motion to allow staff to look at the dates and the location.

Mr. Puzzitiello stated the motion can be amended to allow the staff to look at date/location options in Option 1 from 8/15/18 in Miami and staying with option 1. Mr. Stewart who seconded the motion agreed with the modification. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0.

**Final Roll Call:**

Mr. Blair performed a final roll call; all 6 members were on the call.

**Adjournment:**

Arsenault entered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Puzzitiello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 to 0.

Mr. Blair thanked everyone for their participation on the call and the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.