

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
Hilton University of Florida Conference Center
1714 S.W. 34th Street
Gainesville, Florida 32607
Plenary Session
April 14, 2015
8:30 AM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dick Browdy, Chairman
Hamid Bahadori
Steve Bassett
James Batts
Donald Brown
Oscar Calleja
Jay Carlson
David Compton
Nan Dean
Kevin Flanagan
David Gilson

Richard Goff
Jeff Gross
Robert Hamberger
Brian Langille
Beth Meyer
Darrell Phillips
Bradley W. Schiffer
Frederick Schilling
Jim Schock
Brian Swope
Jeff Stone

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:

Bob Boyer
Drew Smith

Charles Frank
Tom Tolbert

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Richmond
Mo Madani
Chip Sellers

Chris Burgwald
April Hammonds
Jim Hammers

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:

Time: 8:30 am

Chairman Browdy welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public to Gainesville and the April 14, 2015 plenary session of the Florida Building Commission. He stated that 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 our various committees, the primary focus of the April meeting is to select the Foundation Codes for the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017), and to approve the Summary of Issues for inclusion in the FY 2014-2015 Annual Report.

Chairman Browdy advised members of the public to sign the attendance sheet on the speaker's table in the center of the room. In addition, we have a sign-up sheet for general public comment. He stated as always, we will provide an opportunity for public comment on each of the Commission's substantive discussion topics (actions that are not procedural or ministerial in content). Chairman Browdy stated if a member of the public would like to comment on a specific substantive Commission agenda item, please come to the speaker's table when the issue is up for consideration so we know you want to speak. He advised that public input is welcome, but should be offered before there is a formal motion on the floor. Chairman Browdy asked that all participants and members of the audience keep all electronic devices turned off or in a silent mode. Thank you for your cooperation.

Chairman Browdy stated that there are also buff colored "*Public Comment Forms*" on the speakers' table that can be used to provide written comments. All written comments will be included in the Facilitator's Summary Report. Please give your completed "*Public Comment Forms*" to Jeff Blair. He advised 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. If your board participates you may sign-in on the kiosk laptop provided in the meeting room.

Roll Call:

Chairman Browdy performed roll call, a quorum was met with twenty two members present acknowledging the newest Commissioner, Richard Goff.

Chairman Browdy advised Commissioner Frank is absent from the meeting today as he is receiving an award for his efforts for education people on the Florida Fire Prevention Code at the Fire College.

Chairman Browdy requested that Jeff Blair cover the agenda items for the meeting today.

Jeff Blair welcomed participants to the February Plenary Session and introduced the agenda as follows:

- To Consider Regular Procedural Issues: Agenda Approval and Approval of the February 20, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, and the March 9, 2015, and March 23, 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 on Legislation.
- To Select Foundation Codes for the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017), and Consider Work Plan for Adoption.
- To Review and Approve Summary of Issues for Inclusion in FY 2014-2015 Annual Report.
- To Consider/Decide on Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) and Workgroups: Accessibility, Code Administration, Energy, Mechanical, Roofing, and Structural TACs, and Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup 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—June 19, 2015 in Gainesville, Florida.

Chairman Browdy requested a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 agenda as presented. A motion was entered by Commissioner Schilling and seconded by Commissioner Schiffer, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the February, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes and March 23, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes.

Chairman Browdy requested a motion to approve the February, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes and March 23, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Schiffer entered a Motion to approve the February, 2015 Facilitator's Summary Report and Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes and March 23, 2015 Telephonic Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Schilling seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Discussion Issues and Recommendations:

Chairman Browdy stated he was saddened to announce that Bob Gerwe, who served on our Accessibility TAC passed away in February. He stated the Commission will be sending our condolences to Bob's family.

New Appointments:

Chairman Browdy advised there was one new appointment Mr. Richard Goff of Niceville, he is the president of KG II Development and is appointed to the Residential Contractor position. Mr. Goff is filling a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending January 21, 2019. Chairman Browdy welcomed Mr. Goff to the Commission.

Re-Appointments:

Chairman Browdy stated there are three re-appointments to the Commission and they are as follows:

Oscar Calleja of Palmetto Bay is vice-president of Engineered Air, LLC and is reappointed to the Mechanical Contractor position. Oscar is appointed to a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending February 3, 2019. Chairman Browdy stated that we are pleased to retain Oscar on the Commission.

Frederick Schilling of Boca Raton is CEO of Pipeline Plumbing and is reappointed to the Plumbing Contractor position. Frederick is appointed to a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending January 31, 2019. Chairman Browdy stated that we are pleased to retain Frederick on the Commission.

Chairman's Discussion Issues and Recommendations (cont.):

Jim Schock of St. Augustine is the plans examiner for St. John's County and is reappointed to one of the Code Official positions. Jim is appointed to a term beginning February 23, 2015, and ending January 12, 2019. Chairman Browdy stated that we are pleased to retain Jim on the Commission.

Vice Chair Appointment:

Chairman Browdy stated on a related note, he is appointing Jim Schock to serve as vice-chair. Jim will serve as chair in his absence. He thanked Jim for agreeing to serve as vice-chair.

TAC Appointments:

Chairman Browdy stated he was appointing D. Chris Fardelmann to the structural TAC to replace Rusty Carroll who has retired. He welcomed Chris to the TAC. Chairman Browdy gave special thanks goes to Rusty for his service on multiple TACs and workgroups since the formation of the Commission in 1998. He said that Rusty has served and contributed reliably and professionally in his role representing building officials, and is owed a debt of gratitude for his service to the citizens of Florida.

Remaining Legislative Update Conference Call Meeting Dates Reminder:

Chairman Browdy stated that he wanted to remind the Commissioners that we have three Legislative conference call dates remaining on the schedule and to urge your participation. He advised as always staff will let us know whether the conference call meetings will occur based on the status of relevant Legislative developments. Chairman Browdy stated the remaining dates are: **April 27 and May 4, with a wrap-up call scheduled for May 11.**

Recognition of Departmental Dignitaries:

Chairman Browdy asked that the Commission please welcome Patrick Cunningham, Deputy General Counsel, DBPR.

Accessibility Waivers:

Chairman Browdy advised that the Commission will now consider this month's requests for accessibility waivers. April Hammonds will serve as legal counsel and present the Accessibility Advisory Council's recommendations.

April Hammonds, Esq. advised that there was not a quorum during the Accessibility Council Meeting the recommendations being presented are from the individuals that were present.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

[Make Your Mark In Life Learning Center, 1801 27th St., Vero Beach;](#) Council recommended Denial.

Commissioner Gross asked if the order will specifically state that it is out of the scope of the Building Commission to ensure that the local officials are aware that it will still need to meet the ADA requirements.

Ms. Hammonds advised yes the language can be included.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the recommendation of denial with the request for modification of language for the final order. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Alpha Omicron Pi, 819 W. Panhellenic Dr., Gainesville](#) - Council recommended granting based on unnecessary hardship.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval. Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Around The Clock Fitness, 16970 Alico Mission Way, Fort Myers](#) - Council recommended Denial.

Commissioner Schilling asked if we make the applicants aware of the meetings and advise that they can participate and be present for questions and also any counsel if they have one. He stated in the two years he has served that there have been few participants in the process and he finds it unusual that they would not participate considering the amount of costs involved in these projects.

Ms. Hammonds advised yes they are advised via e-mail notification of the Council conference call as well as the Commission Meeting. She stated the notices include dates, times and call in information.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the recommendation of denial. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

[Beech Street Bar and Grill, 801 Beech St., Fernandina Beach](#) - Council recommended granting based on historic nature and technical infeasibility.

Commissioner Schock questioned if they went through the State Historic Preservation Office for any type of waiver.

Ms. Hammonds advised she did not know, however, historical documents were provided along with photographs through Mary Kathryn Smith of the original structure including plans dating back to the 1800s.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Boys Town of North Florida, 3555 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee](#) - Council recommended granting based on disproportionate cost.

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[CrossFit PSI, 708 Commerce Way, Jupiter](#) - Council recommended deferral for additional information.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to accept the recommendation of deferral. Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Double Tree Hotel, 107 N. Adams St., Tallahassee](#) - Council recommended granting based on disproportionate cost and technical infeasibility.

Commissioner Bahadori entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval. Commissioner Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[The Freckled Fin, 101 Bridge St, Bradenton Beach](#) - - Council recommend deferral for additional information.

Commissioner Bassett asked that a correction of the code official and the applicant e-mail address as they have listed the same e-mail address for both on the application.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to accept the recommendation of deferral with e-mail correction. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

[H20 Hotel, 1212 Simonton St, Key West](#) – Council recommended conditionally granting , on the condition that the applicant provide documentation and provide access to one room on the second floor. Ms. Hammonds stated on Friday the office received documentation for the Committee and Historical Society to meet the Council’s requirements along with new floor plans showing an accessible room on the second floor.

Chairman Browdy asked if the recommendation of conditional approval be lifted since we have received the documentation.

Ms. Hammonds advised she would be more comfortable in writing the order that it was conditionally granted so that if they needed to provide those documents to the building official, they could do so. She said if it is lifted now the building official may not get the documentation or know the need to ask for it.

Commissioner Flanagan stated they are going to have a second floor accessible but no elevator.

Ms. Hammonds stated there will be an elevator to the roof top to the pool deck and bar. The Council did not understand why the elevator could not be used it was noted that the units are like townhomes, they are all separated, the units are not traditional rooms with connecting or common balconies. Ms. Hammonds stated this was the question regarding being able to reach each floor if the elevator could reach the rooftop. She said this is when they discussed what the Historic Committee of Key West wanted them to do; they did not want the units to have connecting balconies. Ms. Hammonds stated they can make one on the second floor accessible but that would be all as the balconies do not connect.

Commissioner Schock stated with this being new construction, he feels that they should be able to comply with full access.

Ms. Hammonds stated that is why the Council asked for the documentation from the Key West Historical Committee as they are the group that is requiring the separation of the units to meet the looks of the structures currently in existence and follow the structure of the buildings in Key West.

Commissioner Schilling stated there are two levels of rooms and then there are three levels on the side of the rooms and the elevator stops are the second floor and the third floor. He said there was an elevation issue on the second floor, so the architect completed ramping so that a room on the second floor could be made accessible. Commissioner Schilling further stated that the architects stated they were required to design the project in the manner as portrayed in the drawing that prevented a common walkway to allow the remainder of the floor to be accessible.

Accessibility Waivers (cont.):

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to grant conditional approval as recommended by the Council. Commissioner Gross seconded the motion.

Chairman Browdy asked of the total rooms how many rooms will be accessible.

Ms. Hammonds responded there will be two, one on the first and one on the second and there are only 22 rooms so it complies.

The motion passed with 19 votes in favor and 3 votes opposed.

[MUEngineers, 3440 NE 12th Av., Oakland Park](#) - Council recommended granting based on disproportionate cost and technical infeasibility.

Commissioner Schilling recused himself as he feels this would be a conflict of interest for him.

Commissioner Gross entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval.
Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed 21 in favor with one recusal.

[Paul Bradshaw- Sigma Delta House, 222 E. College Av, Tallahassee](#) - Council recommended granting based on technical infeasibility.

Commissioner Schilling entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval.
Commissioner Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

[Sigma Delta Tau, 833 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee](#) - Council recommended granting based on disproportionate cost.

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to accept the recommendation of approval.
Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Product and Entity Approval:

Chairman Browdy advised Commissioner Stone will present the POC's recommendations for entity approvals and the consent agenda for products recommended for approval, and Jeff Blair will present the POC's recommendations for product approvals with discussion and/or comments. He stated we will start with entity approval applications, followed by the consent agenda of product approval applications recommended for approval, and conclude with product approval discussion items.

Commissioner Stone stated there were forty-two entities approved by consent agenda.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the consent agenda for forty two entities. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone stated there were twenty seven products approved under the 2010 Code on the consent agenda as posted.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the consent agenda for twenty seven products approved under the 2010 Code. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone stated there were two hundred fifty six products approved under the 2014 Code on the consent agenda as posted.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the consent agenda two hundred fifty six products approved under the 2014 Code. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone advised there were four products for discussion that will be introduced by Jeff Blair.

Mr. Blair presented the following products for discussion:

12549 R-5 – Commissioner Stone entered a motion to conditionally approve as recommended by the POC, Commissioner Compton seconded the motion passed unanimously.

17538 - Commissioner Stone entered a motion to conditionally approve as recommended by the POC, Commissioner Compton seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Product and Entity Approval (cont.):

17539 - Commissioner Stone entered a motion to conditionally approve as recommended by the POC, Commissioner Compton seconded the motion passed unanimously.

17561 - Commissioner Stone entered a motion to conditionally approve as recommended by the POC, Commissioner Compton seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion stating the POC recommends the Commission ratify the DBPR list of one hundred sixty nine product approval as amended removing FL #12875 from the posted list of DBPR product approval. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion stating the POC recommends the Commission not ratify the approval of product FL #12875 submitted for DBPR approval on the basis that the application needs to be revised to remove all references to OSB from the evaluation report which was not substantiated by testing, and product .2 be removed from the application and submitted for approval using compliance Method 1 (d), an evaluation report from a Florida Registered Architect or a licensed Florida Professional Engineer.

Ms. Hammonds stated that there will need to be one further action that the Commission would need to take which would be to decide if they do want to ratify and they want to direct further action by the POC that they have recommended and the administrator or the applicant and direct further action as required. She said there will need to be a motion from the Commission on this issue.

Chairman Browdy stated the motion needed would state The POC recommends the Commission not ratify the approval of FL #12875 submitted for DBPR approval, on the basis that the application needs to be revised to remove all references to OSB from the evaluation report (not substantiated by testing), and product .2 be removed from the application and submitted for approval using compliance Method 1 (d), an evaluation report from a Florida Registered Architect or a licensed Florida Professional Engineer. He asked if that was inclusive.

Ms. Hammonds stated a simple motion to approve the consent agenda with removal of FL 12875.

Product and Entity Approval (cont.):

Commissioner Stone stated this motion was completed initially. He further stated that there was another motion on FL #12875 and he stated he assumes as long as they comply with the requirements then DBPR can approve based on the motion. Commissioner Stone asked if that was correct.

Ms. Hammonds stated yes as the rule reads is that once you have removed it, which is what has been done by the motion. She advised now the Commission has to decide if they disagree with the POC and say no we ratify it or if they want they can move forward with the POC recommendation and require the applicant to submit to the requirements.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the POC's recommendation for this item.

Chairman Browdy asked Counsel if the motion is appropriate for this item.

Ms. Hammonds stated the motion would be fine.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Compton. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stone stated this concluded Product Approval POC recommendations.

Applications for Accreditor and Course Approval:

Chairman Browdy advised that Commissioner Nan Dean will present the Education POCs recommendations for course applications will provide recommendations as needed.

Commissioner Dean stated the POC recommended approval of fourteen new courses by consent agenda and entered a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dean stated there was one course that was administratively approved and entered a motion that the POC recommends approval of course 569.1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flanagan. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dean stated that concluded all of the Education POC course approvals.

Petitions for Declaratory Statement - [Legal Report](#)

Chairman Browdy stated that prior to the declaratory statements; April Hammonds, Esq. will be providing information on one legal matter to report. He asked Ms. Hammonds if there were any legal matters to report prior to the introduction of the declaratory statements.

April Hammonds, Esq. advised yes two items, she would like to give an update on Rule 4.001 that will be coming up for the June meeting she had hoped it would be ready for the April meeting, but did not get noticed through the Rules Attorney and it will be noticed for the June meeting for the final approval for proposed Rule development for the new form. Ms. Hammonds stated this will be a brief matter of discussion, she stated for those who are familiar or aware of the situation with Keddo Enterprises DBA Storm Stoppers, all she can say is that we are currently under active litigation and in an appellant format and we are in the middle and she can speak no further on the subject.

Chairman Browdy requested Ms. Hammonds to now present the declaratory statements.

[DS 2015-007 by Gary Kauffman of Digger Specialties, Inc.;](#)

Ms. Hammonds read the petition from Mr. Kauffman with response

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to accept the staff and Product Approval recommendation. Commissioner Gross seconded the motion, the motion unanimously.

[DS 2015-022 by Scott Knoblock of Novum Structures, LLC.;](#)

Ms. Hammonds read the petition from Mr. Knoblock with response

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to accept the staff and Product Approval recommendation removing the parenthesis around the words “open structures” and read “standalone-open structure”. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion unanimously.

Legislative Report:

Chairman Browdy asked Jim Richmond to provide the Commission with a briefing regarding proposed legislation update.

Mr. Richmond stated as of Friday, April 3rd there was not much going on; however since Friday, April 10th there have been quite a bit of changes especially to House Bill 915 which will be the focus this morning. He said the Bill is scheduled for Committee at 1pm this afternoon. Mr. Richmond stated this morning a sizeable strike everything amendment was filed to that Bill which contained numerous changes to the sections that would impact the Commission.

Legislative Report (cont.):

Mr. Richmond advised he will go through the amendments on this Bill by section for the Commission. He stated he feels this is the primary Bill that we will need to deal with.

HB 915

Section 18 a new issue has been inserted into the Bill that will impact the Accessibility Advisory Council. Mr. Richmond stated there was one member of the Council or Representative of the Council that was nominated by the President of the Florida Council for the Handicap Organizations a gentleman by the name of Mr. Warren Jernigan. He further advised that he had allowed that organization to dissolve due to failure to file his annual report some six years ago, so when he nominated someone for that seat he had done so on behalf of another organization not noted in the statute, so he said he called to urge him to re-up the Corporation by filing the report with the Department of State. Mr. Richmond the alternative is to have his new organization replaced in the statute and that is the Pensacola Pinwheels, Inc. Employee the Handicap Council and so the first change is to substitute that organization for the President of the Florida Council of Handicap Organizations. He stated overall it will help us to fill the seat that has been vacant for some period of time. Mr. Richmond stated there is a nominee that would bring a lot to the Council and would be appointed by the Secretary of DBPR.

Section 19 - section refers to monies from the Compliance and Mitigation program. He said to be used to fund informal interpretations by the State Fire Marshall and as well to implement the recommendations of the Building Code System Uniform Implementation Evaluation Workgroup that was approved on April 8, 2013. Mr. Richmond stated the we have noted on a couple of bill analysis and on our conference call that there are no recommendation of the Workgroup to implement for anything that would cost \$30,000, he was not sure of the purpose, but result in unused money.

Section 20 – refers to local boards resolving Fire Code and Building Code issues. However, Mr. Richmond said at the end of the section it does restrict the requirements applicable in Florida to one fire service access elevator in buildings less than 420 feet and where all of the elevators provide phase one and phase two emergency operations and the latter half is a new limitation of the application. He said also it does restrict the need for fire rated lobbies based on height and other factors. Mr. Richmond said it was his understanding that the Fire Services signed off on that as being acceptable at least through their association representing them in Tallahassee, it does represent a change from the new edition of the Code, that would have taken effect on June 30th which require two fire service access elevators in such buildings, so this is a direct intervention on behalf of the Legislature. He said there is some language in the section that speaks to an extension to the overall requirements to the two fire service elevators that we are currently trying to work out with staff because of its language where the Legislature essentially did not recognize for two fire service elevators. Mr. Richmond then read the actual language.

Legislative Report (cont.):

He then advised that he felt the intent was to extend any requirement for a second fire service elevator to July 2016, but the first phrase could provide an incredible amount of information for rule challenge if it is not a part of the Code as of the effective date of this Bill and even though we have adopted properly, the status of that until we could take further action could cause severe limbo. Mr. Richmond stated he did not believe this was not the intent but we will need to wait and see what action takes place.

Section 21 – is another new issue that has just been inserted into the Bill that adds an engineer and an architect to our interpretation panel. Mr. Richmond stated currently the panel is made up of building officials and building code administrators.

Chairman Browdy asked Mr. Richmond to provide the history of the panel so that we can understand how this was some effort to enhance the credentials of the panel.

Mr. Richmond stated that he was going to do that and give the status of the meeting with BOAF, so that we are closer on track moving forward. He said that a formal interpretation panels as they are referred to in statute are almost like an appellant mechanism whereby people can challenge decisions of local building departments or in concept it is possible that a building official could challenge a determination of a local board of rules and appeals if he disagreed with it. Mr. Richmond advised that the panels as they were initially comprised or made up of five building officials from throughout the State of Florida with experience in interpreting the building code. He said the theory behind it was to give building departments a peer reviewed opinion to base their actions on and this was a formal element and actually binding on the parties unlike the informal process that we have with BOAF where it is just that an informal interpretation.

Mr. Richmond stated as some of you may recall there were some issues regarding implementation of the formal interpretations process with our friends at the Building Official Association of Florida resulting in basically Mo putting together a panel of building officials just on behalf of the Codes and Standards Office to hear these until we could get this ironed out. He stated during the meeting with BOAF a few weeks ago they indicated that they wanted to come back to the table and perform this function under contract with the Department provided that Codes and Standards could publish the notices of meetings and that is something we can do within normal course of business. Mr. Richmond advised that for the next fiscal year we will probably have an agreement in place with BOAF to re-take this function which was the intent in the first place just filling in for the time they did not feel comfortable performing the function and possible repercussion if the public found out who was making decisions and issues along those lines and they have been pretty much resolved. He said that we have in the past had a contract with BOAF that was a no cost contract to the State, there is a minimal charge to the petitioner around \$125 to \$250, but essentially that was through the BCIS directly transferred

Legislative Report (cont.):

from petitioner to BOAF, it did not come through the State funding system. Mr. Richmond stated his one concern adding an engineer or architect is the ability for BOAF to find volunteers to complete the function as there has been no compensation, just the membership to the organization, provided they get volunteers there would be no problem. He said it will make a more cumbersome project to get these panels together to resolve issues, but in the long run the process has been the most underutilized process that we have had. Mr. Richmond stated it is not due to lack of need but rather most building departments will accept informal interpretations. He said we will continue to look at this.

Chairman Browdy asked if there has been any legislative effort to remove the name of the Building Officials of Florida from the statute so that in the future we are not tied to that specific organization to perform the statutory requirements that we have to set binding opinions.

Mr. Richmond stated no not to date. He said that the annual report last year instructed folks to first determine whether a continued need for the binding interpretation process and that determination was made in the affirmative to have the process out there. Mr. Richmond said the second step was for BOAF to identify the conditions that were needed, such as exemption to Sunshine or anonymity or timing changes, but through this past eight to ten months through discussions; their Executive Council is ready to move under the current parameters, it is uncommon for a private organization to be named in a Statue but he does not believe an effort has been made to remove them as they are now seeking to participate.

Section 22 – relates to foundation permits and has remained unchanged.

Section 23 – relates to the education component of the Commission has performed of accrediting courses. He said that has changed to an extent even though it still repeals the Commissions process under the Education POC, it preserves the participation by the Commission and the program in the development and dissemination of building related courses. Mr. Richmond stated initially there was a concern that we have expended some money in the past on delivering education and having courses created to educate those in the construction profession and had the Legislature repealed that entire paragraph even though the result would be a silent statute, he thinks the repeal would be a direct indication that we should not spend money and that we do not have the authority to, so the language was changed there to indicate or change the label from our code related education from advanced modules, similar changes were made in the practice acts to accommodate the repeal of our accreditation process, so that the licensed professional would not face a circumstance where they were needing accredited courses to be approved and there was no accreditation process. He said that is as well in the strike everything in earlier sections.

Legislative Report (cont.):

Section 24 – lists Underwriters Laboratories an evaluation entity which is not new.

Section 25 – limits the battery requirements that were adopted last year, the ten year non-removable battery for smoke alarms and limits the application of those battery limitations on smoke alarms that use a low power radial frequency wireless communication signal or those that have multiple sensors like combine carbon monoxide alarms. Mr. Richmond said it also identifies other devices identified by the State Fire Marshall through their rule making process. He said those certain devices could still use removable batteries.

Section 26 – relates blower door testing and this has gone through numerous iterations, the most current that appears (strike everything amendment) will be taken up by the Committee this afternoon and basically deletes everything that is in the Bill and replaces it with new language. Mr. Richmond stated the new language now provides for the ongoing effect and enforcement of two sections of the 2010 Energy Code, given the discussion of the Workgroup on multiple books we will need to maintain multiple editions of those practicing in this area. He further stated he has always commented on the inclusion of specific sections of the Code in any Legislative language typically as the Commission will not be able to amend it in the future, we will not even be able to change the section number, and it will remain that way until the Statute changes. Mr. Richmond stated the section of the Code is 402.4.2 of the 2010 Florida Building Code Energy Conservation relating to air sealing and insulation, in fact prior to June 30, 2015 shall govern and remain applicable and in effect in Florida after June 30, 2015. He further read no state or local government shall require any type of mandatory blower door test or air infiltration test to determine specific air filtration levels or air leakage rates in a residential building or dwelling unit and no state or local enforcement agency or code official shall require the installation of any mechanical ventilation device designed to filter outside air through a HVAC system as a condition of a permit or to determine compliance with the Code.

Mr. Richmond stated he just had an opportunity to forward this to Mr. Madani; however, they have not had an opportunity to discuss. He said the second sentence concerned him, the first speaks to residential dwelling restriction, however the second does not speak of any such restriction. Mr. Richmond said that it seems to indicate more than just the energy code and the Florida blower issue, but could be read into the Mechanical Code and the requirements for mechanical ventilation in that code.

Commissioner Calleja stated both are linked and if you do away with blower door tests, you will not know how many air changes per hour the envelop has but the Mechanical Code says that if the air changes per hour less than five changes per hour then you must provide mechanical ventilation. He said if you do away with the blower door test, then the enforcement of the Mechanical Code will say okay how many air changes you have, so they would mandating a blower door test to make a determination.

Legislative Report (cont.):

Chairman Browdy asked Commissioner Calleja if he was saying that by omission or doing away with the requirement for the air exchanges is going to preclude the necessity for a test even though it specifically the requirements being removed from the statute.

Commissioner Calleja stated they are removing it from the Energy side, however in the Mechanical side it tells you that you must provide mechanical ventilation if the testing gave you a test result of 5 or 10. He said in order to enforce it they would have to complete the test.

Chairman Browdy asked if this was for commercial and residential.

Commissioner Calleja stated from the language it does not specify, however, it is for residential and not commercial as they are different, it does not show what it is being applied to.

Mr. Madani stated what they are speaking to has two parts. He said one part removes section 402.4.1 from the new Energy Code, this section is the one that requires that you have to do a blower door test and to show the air leakage for the house whether it is 4 or 5 or below or above, they are removing that and re-instate in lieu of that Section R402.4.2 that is currently in the Energy Code and the current code. Mr. Madani said this section has two options, it says either you have to have air type or seal the house using these prescriptive requirements. He said they put an air battery or seal on joints or if they do not want to prescriptive you can use the performance testing, you can do a blower door test and show that the house air leakage is below 7 air changes. Mr. Madani said it is becoming an option and no longer mandatory requirement and the reason they kept the language about the ventilation in, is they are trying to say if your house is below 5, you will need to do something, because the Mechanical Code says below 5 you need to ventilate. He said if the test is below 5 they want you to have the option and the least cost approach to take care of the issue.

Mr. Richmond stated the Mechanical ventilation would need a restriction to residential or dwelling unit

Commissioner Calleja stated the whole idea is that if you leave the Mechanical section as it is, you will still be required mechanical ventilation if the test result is less than 5. He said if there is no test, the inspectors are going to require the test for compliance.

Mr. Richmond stated from Mr. Madani's description, it maintains the 2010 requirements would make the test optional regardless.

Legislative Report (cont.):

Chairman Browdy asked how you know the numbers if no testing has been completed.

Commissioner Calleja stated the new Code language in the Mechanical section, residential dwelling state you must provide, must mandatory requirement for ventilation if the blower door test reveals 5 or less air changes, so how do you know if you have to comply or not, you will have to do a test.

Chairman Browdy asked who sponsored this piece of legislation.

Commissioner Calleja stated he thought it was the Home Builders. He said there has been a lot of discussion about the general costs that this would involve and back and forth.

Chairman Browdy stated he would like to know if whoever sponsored is aware of what they are asking for and the results. He then asked Commissioner Brown for his insight.

Commissioner Brown stated it was his understanding that there were two builders he was not sure of their name, they were large residential builders that prompted the conversation and then they may have been joined by other members of the Florida Home Builders Association, he was not totally sure about the later. He said in speaking to one Representative this was based upon a concern that the new standard not just the test, but the new standard would add to the costs of new construction particularly, his concerned was focused on affordable housing due to the new standards because of added costs. Commissioner Brown said the Representative said that he thought the Energy Efficiency by the new standard was not enough to cover the costs. He said there is a bigger concern than just the test and he knows one Representative on the Committee is expressive on this.

Commissioner Bassett as a Mechanical Engineer that might get involved in this sometimes he has never been hesitant about arguing with a building official and the argument to him would be the Code if it less than 5 I have to ventilate you have to prove to me that it is less than 5 and make the Building Department complete the blower door test and not the contractor.

Chairman Browdy said it would be hard for an inspector to have the equipment for testing. He also stated that he would get public comment so that there can be some clarification of what the language is. Chairman Browdy stated he would let Mr. Richmond complete the report and then go to the public for comment.

Legislative Report (cont.):

Mr. Richmond stated there is one more piece with numerous sections of the bills that relate more to the Fire Prevention Code and it is his understanding that it will bring the fire code in line with the provision of the Building Code. He said he has not had a chance to view this morning line by line but this is his understand all along. Mr. Richmond if anything different comes up he will let the Commission know.

Mr. Richmond stated the last item is the Calder Sloan Swimming Pool Electrical-Safety Task Force. He said this has change considerably; the new makeup of the Task Force, will be made up of the Swimming Pool TAC and the Electrical TAC of the Florida Building Commission and the effort will be chaired by the swimming pool contractor appointed to the Commission.

Chairman Browdy advised that the Chair will be Commissioner Batts.

Mr. Richmond stated that they did give an additional 30 days on the report, but still will be a challenging task. He said this will give us until November 1, 2015 to give the report on proposed changes on electrical safety around pools.

Chairman Browdy stated that everyone has heard the Legislative Report and he asked for any public comment at this time. Chairman Browdy asked Mr. Buck to start with the intent on the education and then to the blower door test.

Doug Buck representing the Florida Home Builders. He stated what is going on right now is the Commission is going to find themselves in a precarious situation, he feels there are going to be more and more legislative responses to the code from interest groups as we go along. Mr. Buck said specifically the training, there are a number of reasons why folks support a repeal of the process, one is a duplicate now, in the beginning when we had a new code everyone could see the new code, two you are seeing the fallout, the issue that we could not train advanced code because of the six month requirement is now creating a fallout because of not being able to train and now just seeing the code and the reaction to the changes.

Mr. Buck followed with the blower testing and the costs involved.

Mr. Buck continued and spoke on the elevator issues referencing groups in Miami that will not be able get past the permitting under the old code.

Mr. Buck said sometimes Senators and Representative do what they want to do.

Chairman Browdy said today's Legislative change is tomorrows Florida Specifics.

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Legislative Report (cont.):

Mr. Richmond said an observation from yesterday's meeting with the ongoing tether of several of the interest groups who continue to espouse the be all end all panacea of codes as the International Codes, a lot of the codes if not all of them come from the ICodes. He said these are not Florida specific codes.

Mr. Buck stated he understood, but there has to be a better way and better awareness a year or two out.

Ms. Hammonds responded to the training comment advising the rule has been changed and this is no longer the case and this issue has been resolved.

Mr. Richmond stated this issue has been resolved. This issue is a product of the industry and the Commission has taken a bad rap for this and it is clearly a product of the prevailing industry at the time.

Chairman Browdy went to the members of the Commission for comment.

Commissioner Calleja stated as President of the Air-conditioning Contractors Association and they are aware of this issue with the blower door and mechanical issue. He said the builders are emphasizing the cost issue and to them it is not a cost issue but problem with potential mold and mildew claims and humidity inside homes when you are bringing all this hot humid air into a home unless you treat it properly and dehumidify that is the cost. Commissioner Calleja stated they were against the idea originally; the general issue is the same forces were pushing for the International Code to be our base code and they were against as they felt we had a perfectly good Florida Code that we could amend or change every cycle adding and deducting, they were pushing for this and now this is the result. He further said now they are getting what they wanted and now we are bringing all of the issues that come from the International Code and we have Florida Specific requirements such as humidity that we have to deal with and this is a huge problem. Commissioner Calleja went on to say that the builders are now realizing this is what is happening and given some presentations on the new code and you should see their faces to the new code and faced with reality. He said the flaw is if we are going to have a code process, we should handle them in the process and not legislative, it needs to be addressed in the code process and get away from the International Code.

Commissioner Bassett said amen to last of Commissioner Calleja's statement on International Codes. He stated he two questions, one is the Education part, there appears to be a linking problem with the Florida Board of Professional Engineers which has written into their Rules that they have to take a advanced course in the Code after the new one comes out, he said we do not have a course with that title so if the Board requires the course then the Commission has one to meet the need. Commissioner Bassett asked if Mr. Richmond advised on the legislation regarding the Bill that relates to water local amendments not being sunsetted.

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Legislative Report (cont.):

Mr. Richmond stated he did not refer to that Bill, it has been amended to refer to only local amendments and does not refer to our procedures at all. He said local amendments related to water conservation are not sunset every three years with the advent of the new Code cycle as most technical amendments are.

Commissioner Bassett asked if that Bill has been passed.

Mr. Richmond replied that he was not sure if it had been passed, however he knows the language has been amended and once amended he did not see it as a Code issue but a local issue, but he will look at it with an update on the next conference call.

Mr. Richmond stated as response to his first question there have been changes made to the Engineer's practice act to reflect the change from advanced code training to code related education, which will trigger the need for rule changes in the language.

Commissioner Gross stated Mr. Bassett had his question answered.

Commissioner Brown stated he had two points. He said the vast majority of discussion is on the strike everything amendment being introduced in the House today. Commissioner Brown said that Mr. Buck mentioned that sometimes Legislators have a tendency to get off of the reservation and start thinking for themselves, the House and the Senate have occasions when they do not think alike. He wanted to remind the Commission that in order for a bill to pass and become law it has to pass the House and Senate identically and be signed by the Governor. Commissioner stated that there may be disagreement with the strike everything in the House and what the Senate wants to do and he thinks that they meet tomorrow afternoon, it should be interesting to find out if the Senate adopts the strike everything amendment that identical to the House, if not the whole issue is still open for discuss, it could change based on what the Senate does.

Commissioner Brown stated he wanted to provide information on a conversation with one Representative that stated he was concerned about the current procedure of the approval of the current Building Code and there were other Representatives that share his concern. He said that the Representative indicated that he thought it was time for that approval process to be subject to ratification by the Legislature which is a monumental change in the process. Commissioner Brown advised the Commission that he wanted them to be aware that at least one person is talking about this, it could be just one member stating this, and this may be all there is to it, however, he still wanted the Commission to be aware of this conversation.

Legislative Report (cont.):

Commissioner Schock said he had two comments. He said on the education issue, he said as a multiple licensed person, the approval for monumental for a person who trains P.E.s, Architects, and Building Administrators as they have to be approved by all boards to teach a class. Commissioner Schock said he would like to see some consolidation of this process to allow this to be achieved in one place for all boards and might resolve some of the training issues as well.

Commissioner Schock said if you see any process that is not being done by the Commission that might pull the industry in, speaking for most Commissioners, we would rather handle the issues within the Commission and not working the issues through the Legislature as you do not always get what you are asking for.

Commissioner Schiffer said any time a group is in the Legislature trying to change the code; they must have been asleep during our TAC processes and Commission process. He said the important thing to do is to get everyone in at that time.

Commissioner Carlson said that he wanted to point out that a lot of the conversation around the table today has been addressed in the report by the Workgroup in the report dated April 8, 2015, there were a lot of recommendations that addressed everything we talked about today. He said it might behoove the group to read this document and become familiar with it and come to a consensus and move forward. Commissioner Carlson said there was a lot of work done and he recommends becoming familiar with this document.

Chairman Browdy stated that the document is the Building Code Implementation Workgroup document. He stated Jim referred to funding available relating to that document and the recommendations contained in the document and if there was funding needed or used, but there is nothing yet to be funded. If there was funding needed it would be taken from this group funding.

Commissioner Carlson stated he would support funding going toward a survey of an independent party of the local jurisdictions in the State and how they handle the implementation of the Code using this as a starting point to improve the process.

Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017) Selection of Foundation Code

Chairman Browdy reported that as required by Section 553.73 (7)(a), F.S. every three years the Commission is required to update the Florida Building Code selecting the most current version of the International Codes. In order to comply with this statutory requirement the Chair indicated that it was time for the Commission to initiate the 2017 Code Update Process by selecting the 2015 International Codes and 2014 NEC as foundation codes for the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017).

Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017) Selection of Foundation Code (cont.):

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to adopt the 2015 International Codes and 2014 NEC as foundation codes for the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017). Commissioner Bahadori seconded the motion. The motion passed with 19 members voting in favor and 2 members voting against.

Code Update Work Plan and Approach:

Mo Madani reviewed the Work Plan and approach proposed for the schedule and development of the Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017) respectively. [Code Process](#) and [Work Plan](#)

Review and Summary of Issues for Inclusion in FY 2014-2015 Annual Report.

[Review and Approval of Summary of Issues for Inclusion in FY 2014-2015 Annual Report](#)

Chairman Browdy reported that each year the Commission reviews a Draft Summary of Issues and Recommendations for inclusion in the Commission's Fiscal Year Annual Report at the April meeting, and a draft Report to the Legislature for approval at the June meeting. The Chair noted that the Commission would adopt the Annual Report at the June 2015 meeting and charge the Chair with reviewing and approving the final Report prior to submittal to the Legislature and Governor. Jeff Blair reviewed the summary of issues and recommendations with the Commission.

Commissioner Meyer entered a motion to adopt the Summary of Issues and Recommendations to be included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Report. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports and Recommendations:

Chairman Browdy asked Committee Chairs to please confine their TAC/POC reports to a brief summary of key issues and recommendations, emphasizing any issues requiring an action from the Commission. He asked that they please frame any needed Commission action in the form of a motion. There is no need to read the TAC/POC minutes since the complete minutes will be linked to the committees' subsequent meeting agendas for approval by the respective committees.

Committee Reports and Recommendations (cont.):

Accessibility Technical Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Gross provided a brief summary of the TAC meeting held via teleconference on April 2, 2015.

Commissioner Gross entered a motion to approve the TAC report, Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup:

Jeff Blair provided a brief summary of the Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup from the meeting held April 13, 2015 in Citra.

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to approve the Code Coordination and Implementation Workgroup report from April 13, 2015. Commissioner Bahadori seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Education Program Oversight Committee:

Commissioner Dean provided a brief summary of the POC meeting held via teleconference on April 9, 2015.

Commissioner Dean entered a motion to approve the POC report. Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Energy Technical Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Calleja provided a brief summary of the TAC meeting held via teleconference on February 25, 2015.

Commissioner Calleja entered a motion to approve the POC report. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Bassett provided a brief summary of the TAC meeting held via teleconference February 25, 2015.

Commissioner Bassett entered a motion to approve the TAC report. Commissioner Calleja seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports and Recommendations (cont.):

Product Approval Program Oversight Committee:

Commissioner Stone provided a brief summary of the POC meeting held via teleconference on April 2, 2015.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to approve the POC report, Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Product Approval Program Oversight Committee: (cont.)

Commissioner Stone stated the POC recommend that the Commission require Keystone Certifications, Inc. to provide full documentation to the Commission (DBPR) regarding the reason(s) they suspended the Quality Assurance Program licensure for Zion Tile Corporation of Miami.

Ms. Hammonds provided background on this issue.

Commissioner Stone entered a motion to require Keystone Certifications, Inc. to provide full documentation to the Commissioner (DBPR) regarding the reason(s) they suspended the Quality Assurance Program licensure for Zion Tile Corporation of Miami. In addition deferral until June meeting pending more information where it can be re-certified through the 2014 5th Edition Code. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Roofing Technical Advisory Committee; ([02/15](#)) ([04/15](#))

Commissioner Swope provided a brief summary of the TAC meeting held via teleconference February 26, 2015 and April 1, 2015.

Commissioner Swope entered a motion to approve the TAC report. Commissioner Batts seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Structural Technical Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Schock provided a brief summary of the TAC meeting held via teleconference February 26, 2015.

Commissioner Schock entered a motion to approve the TAC report. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comments:

Jamie Gascon, Miami-Dade County: indicated that he was concerned about the recent outcome of April's POC meeting regarding the lack of action taken on the complaint against Zion Tile, when the Product Approval Rule 61G20-3.013(1) clearly authorizes suspension of an approval. He said this was the second time that their FL was brought into question, and in both instances the POC appeared to be stranded and was advised against taking action. Mr. Gascon noted that Rule 61G20-3.013(1)(a) states:

Any product approval shall be revoked or suspended for any of the following reasons: Failure to maintain certification, evaluation reports or testing in good standing with a Commission approved entity which conducted the testing or comparative or rational analysis, or combination thereof on which the product approval is based.

Suspension or revocation of the certification, evaluation report or testing report issued by a Commission approved entity on which the approval is based, for just cause.

Failure to maintain quality assurance programs for the manufacture of the approved products as required by this document.

Failure to correct manufacturing deficiencies required to bring the product within specifications of the originally approved product or alternatively to demonstrate in a manner consistent with this document, that the product's performance complies with the standards established by the Code.

Advertising and sales of the product for uses not consistent with conditions or limitations of its approval. Determination that the product was approved based on misrepresentations in the application for approval. Failure of the manufacturer to cooperate with a Commission ordered investigation. The Commission may suspend the approval of a product based on any provision of subsection 61G20-3.013(1), F.A.C., until such time as the manufacturer demonstrates the product is currently in compliance with this document.

The Commission shall initiate an investigation based on a written complaint containing substantial material evidence by any substantially affected party.

The Commission shall clearly post the status of product approvals, denials, or suspensions on its website, the Florida Building Codes Information System, www.floridabuilding.org.

General Public Comments (cont.):

Mr. Gascon reported that there are 479 products with expired Q.A. contracts on the BCIS and the products still show an “approved” status. He stated the Rule and Statutes mandate a timely product approval process, and has provisions in place for immediate suspension of products as well. Mr. Gascon indicated that he felt that a more firm position and swift action needs to be taken by the POC and Commission on product suspension, while still adhering to the Product Approval Rule and underlying ISO standards of certification. Product certification programs do not and should not require a trial in order to suspend a product; an appeal process is typically followed. He also stated that if a manufacturer is allowed to maintain an approval status while the product is not covered under an active Q.A. program, Rule 61G20-3.005(3) would be violated. Mr. Gascon said if the Florida approval status is not changed when the Q.A. ceases, it will result in the production of products produced without Q.A. and will make it into the market until a new Q.A. agreement/contract is established. He said presently, staff has indicated there is no limit to how long a product can have an expired Q.A. contract. Mr. Gascon further stated he felt that Rule 61G20- 3.013(a)(3) allows for immediate suspension and the Commission should affirm this. He reported that Miami-Dade County is currently investigating a case against Zion Tile that consists of the same model roofing tile brought forth in the mentioned complaint. Mr. Gascon indicated that if Miami- Dade’s investigation results in the removal of the Miami-Dade NOA and FL approval is allowed to remain in approved status they will be forced to declare the FL approval unusable in the HVHZ pursuant to F.S. 553.842(9) for the protection of the residents in their area.

Ms. Hammonds responded that Miami-Dade County is still investigating the complaint against Zion Tile, just as the Product Approval POC is still in the process of investigating the complaint they received. She noted that Respondents are entitled to due process by the law prior to any revocation action, and reiterated that the POC is still in the process of investigating the complaint. Ms. Hammonds explained the legal process and the requirement of due process. She further stated that the investigation will continue with the POC and the process that is required.

Mark Zehnal, FRSA: stated FRSA’s agreement with the comments made by Jamie Gascon. He expressed concern that when a stakeholder submits proposed Code amendments to the ICC and they are accepted, it makes it harder to justify them as Florida Specific amendments in the FBC.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Brown advised that he had received electronic communication and that it appears that a substitute strike everything amendment has been filed in the House that is identical to a strike everything amendment that will be offered in the Senate on the two Building Code Bills. He further stated that it appears that they are currently on a track that is identical and we will know for sure if the bills are identical and will move to the floor of each chamber by the end of business Wednesday.

Commissioner Comments (cont.):

Chairman Browdy asked if there is discrepancy between the two versions is there a reconciliation format that comes forward from the Senate.

Commissioner Brown responded stating if the Bills are not identical and they pass Committee then the discrepancy would have to be rectified on the floor of one of the chambers to get them correct. He said both the House and the Senate could pass a non-identical version and send it over to the other Chamber which is another Option. Commissioner Brown stated this is another option available and then that Chamber would have the option of amending it and sending it back. He said it looks like they are on an identical track but will not know for sure until Wednesday.

Commissioner Bassett: noted that there are many new Commissioners, and currently members don't really know each other outside of the Commission meetings. He recommended that a social event be held before the next Commission meeting so members can get acquainted. Commissioner Bassett noted that in the early days of the Commission each member would pay a small fee to cover costs for social events (snacks and alcohol). He recommended the Deerfield Beach Doubletree as a good location for a future Commission meeting.

Jim Richmond indicated that staff would research the possibility of a Commission social.

Next Commission Meeting Overview and Issues:

Chairman Browdy the next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 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 adopt the Annual Report to the Legislature for FY 2014-2015.

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS FROM THE APRIL 2015 MEETING

- Send a letter of appreciation to Rusty Carroll.
- Send a letter of condolences to the family of Bob Gerwe.
- Research the possibility of a Commission social prior to a Commission meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am following a unanimous vote from the Commission