

**FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
May 16, 2016
10:00 AM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Browdy
Hamid Bahadori
Seven Bassett
James Batts
Bob Boyer
Donald Brown
Oscar Calleja
E.J. Carlson
Nan Dean
Kevin Flanagan
Shane Gerwig

David Gilson
Jeff Goff
Jeffrey Gross
Robert Hamberger
Brian Langille
Darrell Phillips
Brad Schiffer
Fred Schilling
Jim Schock
Drew Smith
Jeff Stone

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT:

David Compton
Brian Swope

Charlie Frank

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Richmond
April Hammonds
Nick DuVal

Mo Madani
Jim Hammers
Chris Howell

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Kelley Burk, Department of Agriculture

Charles Kibert, UF

Welcome:

Jim Richmond opened the meeting at 10:01 am, EST, Monday, May 16, 2016. Roll was called and a quorum was determined with 22 members present. Mr. Richmond advised that Commissioner Burk will be participating at the June Plenary Session and will be formally introduced at that time.

BASF Background on Proposal:

Chairman Browdy welcomed everyone to the call and stated that he would like to frame the purpose for this meeting. He stated this is very specific topic; there is a request for an allocation of \$9,300.00. Chairman Browdy stated this request is coming through Building a Safer Florida (BASF) for work to be done by the University of Florida, Rinker School of Construction for building construction training in Florida. He said consideration of training includes apprentice programs, two year programs, 4 year programs and Community College programs. Chairman Browdy stated this information will come forth as a result of this requested funding. He said it is to ascertain the types of training as well as areas where improvement in training are needed to ensure that the Florida Building Code and other priorities in the state are addressed. Chairman Browdy said the report is intended to be useful as a precursor to the construction industry work force task force that was proposed by the Legislative in 2016 session. He said this meeting is focused primarily on the \$9,300.00 request.

Agenda:

Chairman Browdy asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A motion was entered by Commissioner Phillips to approve the agenda. Commissioner Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 22 votes in favor.

BASF Background on Proposal (cont.):

Mr. Richmond provided additional information stating that BASF receives an annual appropriation from the Legislature to pursue the objectives of 553.841 F.S. which is the Building Code and Compliance Mitigation Program. He said it looks at outreach and training of those and to those in the construction industry. Mr. Richmond advised that we enter into an annual purchase order with BASF to accomplish this. He said one category of those funds is a general category of "other projects as approved by the Department and the Commission". Mr. Richmond stated this is the \$9,300.00 we are discussing of the approximately \$900,000.00 a year that they are appropriated and it is a fairly minor expenditure but one we have reserved on projects that are approved by the Commission which is why we had the need for this conference call. He said this project does focus on existing training programs or for those seeking entry into the construction field and with that limitation, he feels that it falls within the confines of the statutory definition of the Compliance and Mitigation Program. Mr. Richmond said that the Task Force itself will look at attracting people to these programs and he wanted to focus on people getting training or means for people to get training and then the Workforce Task Force will grow the program from there.

Chairman Browdy asked for comments from the Commission.

BASF Background on Proposal (cont.):

Commissioner Schock said he understands the intent of the \$9,300.00. He asked if there is going to be a subsequent funding for studies on salary ranges, licensing issues and other things that affect the ability of the industry to hire and maintain the industry.

Mr. Richmond stated he feels this is the objective the Workforce Task Force and was not sure of the exact content but that is a part of this program and what they are looking at.

Commissioner Schock stated the funding being discussed is for the institutional type of program/training.

Mr. Richmond stated yes as it is today and is a starting point for the discussion of the Taskforce, but will have value of identifying these resources and something we can post on the BCIS for the public. He said it is the starting point for the Workforce Taskforce to begin discussion after July 1st.

Chairman Browdy explained the full funding and that this is the starting point to get the Taskforce started. He also provided how this Taskforce is put together and mandated to meet. Chairman Browdy said this is to get this Taskforce started and how this will affect the industry and the importance of this in the Construction Industry.

Chairman Browdy asked for a motion to approve the proposed \$9,300 to be done by Rinker school of Construction at the University of Florida.

Commissioner Brown entered a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Schock seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown stated he wanted to enter a concern over the activities in the Construction Industry pertaining to private inspections. He said this is not Building Code officials but other programs Commissioner Brown stated there are inspectors taking that the building is Code compliant when this is not always the case. He said this needs to be addressed and training should be mandated for them.

Chairman Browdy stated he was not sure this would be part of this program, but more for people wanting to enter the industry.

Mr. Richmond stated to the extent that his comment addressing entry level inspectors plan reviewers etc. He said the licensed inspectors would need to be addressed through the Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board.

BASF Background on Proposal (cont.):

Commissioner Schock stated he served on both study workgroups and is familiar with it and Commissioner Brown brought up good points but complicated issues and would need a separate review to include licensing. He said he is hoping part of the workgroup will discuss some of these issues. Commissioner Schock asked to be kept informed of the upcoming meetings so that he can participate as a Building Official.

Chairman Browdy asked for any public comment.

There being no public comment, the motion was brought to vote.

The motion entered by Commissioner Brown to approve the request. Commissioner Schock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 22 members.

Chairman Browdy asked for any additional public comment.

Final Roll Call:

Chairman Browdy stated there was not a need for an additional roll call for this meeting.

Adjournment:

There was no further business and Chairman Browdy adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.