

**FIRE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CONCURRENT WITH  
SPECIAL OCCUPANCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING FROM TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**

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**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

**1:00 PM until completion**

**FIRE TAC PRESENT:**

Hamid Bahadori, Chairman  
Joe Belcher  
Jeff Gross  
Brad Schiffer  
Peter Schwab

Tony Apfelbeck  
Charlie Frank  
Robert Hamberger  
Jim Schock

**FIRE TAC NOT PRESENT:**

Joe Holland

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jim Richmond  
April Hammonds  
Robert Benbow  
Chris Howell  
Joe Bigelow

Mo Madani  
Jim Hammers  
Nick Duval  
Marlita Peters

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Buddy Dewar  
Brian Parks  
Robert Fine  
Truly Burton  
Rob Vieira  
Doug Buck

Jose Suarez  
Jamie Gascon  
Michael Sheehan  
Joe Eysie  
Jennifer Hatfield  
Kari Hebrank

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**Welcome:**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the concurrent teleconference call of the Fire TAC and Special Occupancy TAC. She provided information for the callers on how to mute systems to avoid background noise.

**Roll Call:**

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Fire TAC. A quorum was determined with 9 members present. (Mr. Gross was a few minutes late joining the call.)

**Agenda Approval:**

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting as posted. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

**Approval of the Minutes from April 7, 2016**

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2016 meeting as posted. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

**Provide comments to the Rule Development Workshop "Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C." of June 8, 2016 for the purpose of reviewing proposed code language for the implementation of [HB 535](#) and [SB 1602 Proposed Code Changes](#).**

Sections 17 (19): Provides for provisions relating to service access elevators and elevators lobbies in certain buildings **(Concurrently with Special Occupancy TAC)**

SB 1602: Provides for clearance requirements for elevators inside a private residence. **(Concurrently with Special Occupancy TAC)**

[Comment #1 \(SB 1602\): FDBPR/ Bureau of Elevator Safety/Doug Melvin](#)

[Comment #2 \(SB 1602\): FDBPR/ Bureau of Elevator Safety/Doug Melvin](#)

Mr. Madani advised that the two comments on SB 1602 have been withdrawn and will not be discussed.

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section 17 (19) staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions. He advised that there was one public comment received from Robert Fine.

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**Public Comments:**

Mr. Fine provided his comments and explanation of same. He stated he was asking for TAC support.

Further comments were given by Buddy Dewar and Kari Hebrank.

There was in depth discussion on this section among the TAC.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion staff proposal including the language provided by Robert Fine. Mr. Apfelbeck seconded the motion.

Discussion continued among the TAC.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion failed with a vote of 6 in favor and Mr. Bahadori, Mr. Schwab and Mr. Schiffer against.

With the motion failing, there was continued discussion held among the TAC.

Ms. Hammonds advised that some of the discussed issues can be addressed through declaratory statements.

Mr. Schock entered a motion to take the entire language of section 17 of HB 535 and move it to the charging paragraph of 403.6.1 without an exception. Mr. Hamberger seconded the motion. Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor and Mr. Belcher and Mr. Apfelbeck against.

SB 1602: Provides for clearance requirements for elevators inside a private residence.

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section SB 1602 staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions.

This section was voted on by the TAC without comment.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to accept revisions and comments presented by staff on R-321 and Section 3013. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

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**Section 24:** Provides for exemptions for certain applications from certain smoke alarm requirements.

[Comment #1 \(HB 535 – Section 24\): Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources/Oriol Haage](#)

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section 24 staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to approve staff comments Mr. Schock seconded the motion.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

**Section 32:** Provides for definition of the term “Fire separation distance”.

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section 32 staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions.

Mr. Schock entered a motion to accept staff comments. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

**Section 33:** Provides for requirements for opening and roof overhang projections for zero lot-line dwellings.

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section 33 staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions.

TAC members held discussion on Section 33.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to accept staff comments. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 members voting in favor and Mr. Schwab voting against.

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**Section 36:** Provides for minimum fire separation distances for non-fire resistant rated exterior walls.

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section 36 staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions.

Public comments were given by Mr. Dewar.

Mr. Belcher entered motion to accept staff comments correcting word table. Mr. Schiffer seconded the motion.

Mr. Schwab comment staff comment show tables it should be table, but is against.  
Mr. Apfelbeck stating he is also against and provided reasoning.

Ms. Hammonds clarified Legislative language and reason for language usage.

Mr. Schiffer and Mr. Apfelbeck stated there needs to be a language change and are against this as it is written.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion failed with a vote of 5 in favor and Mr. Apfelbeck, Mr. Frank, Mr. Hamberger and Mr. Schwab.

There was further discussion with the staff, members of the public and the TAC Members.

Minutes from the HB was requested from Legal. Ms. Hammonds advised they would make attempt to pull the reports. There was additional conversation from Staff and public on these reports.

Discussion continued as to the Legislative intent and options for the staff proposal.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion to modify the staff proposal to keep one table. :Table R302.1(2)” as it exists in the current code. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor and Mr. Bahadori, Mr. Gross, Mr. Belcher, Mr. Frank, Mr. Hamberger, Mr. Schiffer and Mr. Schock voting against.

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Discussion continued on a new motion to reach a consensus.

Mr. Schiffer entered a motion to reconsider staff recommendation. Mr. Hamberger seconded the motion.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion passed with 6 members in favor and Mr. Apfelbeck and Mr. Schwab voting against.

Mr. Belcher entered a motion to accept staff recommendation with word correction “tables to table”. Mr. Schock seconded the motion.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion passed with 6 members in favor and Mr. Apfelbeck and Mr. Schwab voting against.

**Section 37:** Provides for requirements that a restaurant, cafeteria, or similar dining facility have sprinklers only under specific circumstances.

Mr. Madani provided the background information for Section 37 staff comments, clarifications, additions and exceptions.

Mr. Apfelbeck entered a motion moving exception under number two. Mr. Schwab seconded the motion.

Mr. Gross had to leave call and asked to post his vote in favor.

Ms. Peters performed a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 9 to 0.

Final roll call was performed with 8 of the 9 original members remaining on the call. Mr. Gross had to disconnect earlier.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

**Public Comments:**